

Board of Regents, Curators approve merger

Legislature is next for name change

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The University of Missouri system Board of Curators passed a proposal for the merger with Northwest Wednesday, making the possibility of a merger more real.

The Board of Curators approval comes three days after the Northwest Board of Regents approved the proposal.

The Board of Curators passed the proposal unanimously after a teleconference that lasted about one hour.

Joe Moore, system spokesman, said the Board of Curators will be visiting Northwest early next week.

Moore said the curators approval is just the beginning of a long process.

"The plan is to have the pro-

posal attached to the proper bill in the legislature," Moore said. "The hope will be to have the merge to come into effect by the next academic year."

The Northwest Board of Regents spent five hours discussing the merger Sunday before passing the proposal 6-1 with one member abstaining.

The regents also sent a recommendation to change the name to the University of Missouri-Northwest should the merger go into effect.

Along with the name change, an enabling legislation will also be reviewed, Provost Taylor Barnes said. The enabling legislation says that a merger of Northwest and the UM system can occur with a vote of approval by both boards prior to the Aug. 28, 2004, deadline.

"It will allow the two boards to begin talking, and that's where we will look at all of the issues and look at transition," Barnes said. "Every issue would be addressed to both of the institutions' satisfaction before

(the merger) would happen." President Dean Hubbard said the proposal is going to be brought along swiftly.

"I think the quicker you can move through the legislature, the better," Hubbard said. "(The enabling legislation) is not complicated. What (the state legislators) are making is a decision to allow the boards to make a decision. I personally don't see anything to gain by stringing that out. In fact, my guess is, if that gets strung out for a year, the likelihood of it happening will diminish every day."

If the proposal does not go to the legislature by the early part of May, it will have to wait until talks resume in January.

Barnes said now is the best time to pass the proposal. "You strike when the iron is hot, and the iron is pretty hot

right now," Barnes said. "It's too bad the legislature is closing soon."

Regent Doug Sutton, who voted against the proposal, said there are still some questions that have to be answered.

"I voted no because I felt we were moving too fast," Sutton said. "But I think the Board realizes that we need to do what is in the best interest of the students and faculty."

As talks continue between sides, Moore said everything is in place. "We have a tight schedule, but everyone was notified (about the possible merger) early," Moore said. "Governor (Bob) Holden and (Commissioner of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education) Quentin Wilson have expressed their support of the proposal. We feel confident that it can happen."

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TAYLOR BARNES
UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Students' reactions mixed over change

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

With sheets of notebook paper, green paint and a third-floor South Complex window as his canvas, Rob Pangburn expressed to Northwest his feelings regarding the University's possible merger with the University of Missouri System.

"UMm NO!" Pangburn was among a number of students at Northwest who have responded, both positively and negatively, to the proposed merger which could change Northwest's name to the University of Missouri-Maryville. Other suggested changes include the University of Missouri-Northwest.

The plan was approved Monday by the Board of Regents and Wednesday by University of Missouri curators. If

passed by the Missouri Senate, Northwest could be a part of the University of Missouri as early as July 1.

To Pangburn, a senior agriculture education major who plans to graduate next year, the proposed merger will bear a number of negative effects, including that of compromising Northwest's quality of education.

"I don't like the idea at all," Pangburn said. "I came here to go to Northwest, and I don't want my professors to be like the half-time research professors at the University of Missouri. I want professors who want to teach me and who will teach me."

Pangburn said he created the message in his residence hall window in efforts to share his views with fellow students and President Hubbard and to tell them not all students are in

favor of the idea.

"I came here when I was a freshman for this 'higher form of higher learning,' and now they're changing everything on us mid-term," Pangburn said. "It would have been nice if we could at least know about all of this even if we didn't have a voice in the matter."

While a number of students have joined Pangburn in speaking out against the proposed merger through petitions and public discussion, others have found themselves in support of the proposal after weighing the benefits.

"I've done some research into this, and I think the result of being affiliated with the University of Missouri system will be very beneficial," said junior Ryan Bauer. "The vast resources and outreach services will serve the University well."

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Graves works to secure funding for 71

Graves visits with citizens about highway

By SARAH SWEDBURG
CHIEF REPORTER

Over the next several months, initiatives will be taken to solve the safety concerns behind traveling the Highway 71 intersection.

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves visited Maryville Tuesday to talk with community members about his role in working with the Missouri Department of Transportation to improve

highway roads in District 6, including the Highway 71 intersection.

"(About) this intersection, we had as many calls and comments on that, I would say, (as) any other projects anywhere (in Missouri)," Graves said. "This is something that is a big safety issue that we want to try to make sure we get it fixed and try to find the money for."

Right now, Graves and U.S. Senator Kit Bond are working together to make sure the Senate adopts the transportation priorities of the Sixth District of Missouri as the government progresses through the re-

authorization process of the federal transportation bill.

Graves said the U.S. federal transportation bill is a very large and far reaching bill and that a majority of the bill covers the federal funds for highways. The reauthorization of the bill occurs every six years, and this year, Graves will be working hard with the state government to attain federal money for the Highway 71 intersection as well as nine other priority projects.

Graves said when he started the process of taking ideas and complaints relating to Missouri highways that are touched by federal funding, he accu-

mulated over 200 projects. He narrowed them down to 10 transportation priorities in the Sixth District. Graves is working with Bond to make sure these 10 are heard in the Senate.

The bill stating these 10 priorities will include an overall funding component which the state of Missouri will receive. The second component of the bill specifies the criteria for demonstration projects, which will provide funding for special projects.

Graves said he wants to have the projects ready to go so that Missouri can grab hold of the money as quickly (Please see 'Graves' page 6A)

Fulton man suspected in local disappearance

Internet conversations may give clues to missing Skidmore man's whereabouts

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

Much like the yellow ribbons tied to the trees at her Skidmore home, JoAnn Stinnett's hope for her grandson's safe return has faded.

While a suspect has been named for the possible homicide of Skidmore resident Branson Perry, 20, two years after his unexplained disappearance, Stinnett refuses to give up faith.

"Our hope to see him again has really dimmed, but you never give up until it's the end," she said. "But I vowed the ribbons were going to stay up until he comes home or the case is finalized."

The answers Perry's family and law enforcement seek may lie with Fulton, Mo., resident Jack Wayne Rogers.

Officers from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, Callaway County Sheriff's Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol and the FBI executed a search warrant April 9 in the home of Rogers, 58, in regards to evidence that he may be involved in Perry's disappearance. Rogers currently remains in the custody of federal authorities awaiting

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PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Emily Dix is sworn in as the next Student Senate president at Tuesday's Student Senate meeting. She defeated John Lakebrink and is succeeding Kara Karsen.

Dix wins Student Senate race

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

Former Student Senate president Kara Karsen officially handed over the reigns Tuesday night.

The winners of the elections held last week on WebStar were announced at the meeting Tuesday. The new president will be former secretary Emily Dix, and the new vice president will be Chase Cornett.

Cornett said what gave him the edge over his competition was his experience on Student Senate.

"I think that my past experiences in leadership positions on Student Senate definitely helped," he said.

Karsen said she believes the new executive board, especially the president, will do well next year.

"I think Emily has amazing natural leadership ability," Karsen said. "I also think that she is

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A DOSE OF REALITY

PHOTOS BY KERRY JONES
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

At 10 a.m. Wednesday morning police sirens sounded throughout the town of Maryville to simulate a drunken driving crash at the junction of North Laura and East 7th Street.

The program was for high schoolers from around the county including Maryville High School. The simulation even included LifeNet, the helicopter response to serious emergencies.

After the mock accident, emergency personnel gave a talk to students at Maryville High School about alcohol abuse among teenagers and the grave consequences of drinking and driving.

Kay and Wayne Ezzell, who lost their daughter in a drunk driving accident in St. Joseph a few years ago, also spoke at the program.



Fraternities to compete for title of 'Big Man'

Delta Zeta's annual pageant brings together men for competition, foundation.

By ALEXI GROOMOUTIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

American Idol, eat your heart out! The Delta Zeta sorority will host its ninth annual Big Man on Campus pageant. Proceeds from this year's talent contest will be donated to Gallaudet University and House Ear Institute. Both are colleges for the hearing impaired. Renee Wicker is a member of Delta Zeta. Wicker said her sorority learned its creed in sign language. "All of us learned sign language, we kind of put ourselves in their (hearing impaired) shoes," Wicker said. "We learn how someone who is deaf has to live. It makes us feel better giving back." Some of the pageant participants are representatives from Franken Hall, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Phi Mu. Last year the pageant raised \$292, which was donated to the Delta Zeta Foundation. Megan Bernhardt, philanthropy chair of Delta Zeta, said she didn't set a specific goal of money to be raised for this year's event, but she just hopes for a good turnout. Bernhardt said she hopes for more

participants than last year. So far there are only six contestants. Even though the deadline was two weeks ago, Bernhardt said she would accept last minute applicants.

"My goal is to beat last year and last year we had eight," Bernhardt said.

Fraternities paid \$25 to nominate pageant contestants.

Bernhardt said contestants will show off their talents by singing and playing the piano.

Three Northwest faculty members will judge the contest. The winner will receive \$100 to be donated to the philanthropy of his choice. The organization that brings the most attendants will receive 50 dollars that will also be donated to the philanthropy of its choice.

In addition to the talent portion of the contest, contestants will go through a question and answer phase.

"The goal is to reveal personality and find out something they normally wouldn't share with us," Bernhardt said. "They just are fun questions (like) 'If you could be famous, who would you be?'"

Bernhardt said she hopes a lot of people will attend Big Man on Campus.

"It should be a really fun time, and the proceeds go to a really good cause," Bernhardt said.

Big Man on Campus will be held April 17 in the Charles Johnson Theatre at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door. For more information, call 562-5121.



PHOTO BY ADAM HUNT/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Gayle Hull demonstrates how the University could not function without the help of student employees. She uses a jar filled with oil and various sizes of rocks during Wednesday's ceremony.

Ceremony recognizes student employees

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the semester winds down, some students are being honored for their academic achievements while others are being recognized for their work and service as student employees.

A recognition ceremony was held Wednesday to honor student employees and to announce award winners.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said that it was a very important occasion and student employees not only earn money for school but learn valuable skills as well.

"We're more than just students and employees; we're a family," Hubbard said. "(Student employees perform) extremely well, and we're proud of you for it."

Award winners include Kristen Miller for professionalism, Latonya Davis for initiative, Jayme Donovan for uniqueness, Christopher Provorse for reliability and Matthew Sandberg for quality of work.

The Academic Computing student employee team received the traveling teamwork trophy, and Sara Moen received the Northwest Student of the Year Award and also the State of Missouri Student of the Year Award.

Mary Throener, Susan Henggeler, Paula McLain, and Michelle Drake of the Office of

Human Resources and Management received a joint award for Student Employee Supervisor of the Year.

More than 850 students were honored this week as part of National Student Employment Week.

"It's an opportunity to recognize all of our student employees because we value the work that they do for us," said McLain student employment coordinator.

Other nominees for the Student Employee of the Year Award include Laura Clausen, Jamie Dowd, Brittanie Kraus, Kelli Livengood, Lisa Michael, Matthew Rhinehart and Brandie Shields.

Other teams nominated for a team award include the Office of Advancement, America Reads Program, Campus Safety, Career Services, CITE Office, Mail/Copy Center and Student Affairs Complex.

A committee of supervisors who did not have nominations in their offices or departments selected award winners.

This year, student employees also had the opportunity to nominate their supervisors for the new award for Supervisor of the Year.

Patricia Giesken, Amber Hawk, Debra Jipp and Leslie Spalding were the other nominees for the award.

"I just want to thank the staff at KXCV and KRNW," Moen said. "I was very surprised and excited. It was a great way to end my schooling at Northwest."

University to plant tree in honor of late professor

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Four months after one of Northwest's beloved family members passed away, his memory is still revered by students, faculty and the community.

So it is only fitting that Alex Ching, associate professor in agriculture, will become a lasting presence through the planting of a tree near the McKemy Center on campus Apr. 22.

The planting of the tree will coincide with Earth Day, a day Ching enjoyed according to his colleagues.

"We felt there would be no better way to recognize (Ching) than to plant a tree on Earth Day," said Mike Grudzinski, distance learning manager for the Northwest Missouri Educational Consortium.

Northwest faculty, staff and students wanted to plant a tree to honor Ching's love of nature and his dedication to his students and colleagues, Grudzinski said.

"Alex was our teacher, mentor and

friend," Grudzinski said. "Each time we pass it, we will remember him."

Ching suffered a severe heart attack on the morning of Jan. 16 while shoveling snow. As the agriculture department was mourning the loss, the staff was also scrambling to find someone to feel his classes.

"Of course we miss his presence," said Arley Larson, dean of agriculture. "It was difficult to fill his shoes, but we were fortunate to have someone fill his classes."

Jim Fletcher, PT3 project director, said the tree will be a nice touch.

"Everyone in the building knew him, and he was friends with everyone," Fletcher said. "We initially said, 'We could put some money in a scholarship fund,' but then someone said we should plant a tree instead."

Along with the tree, a plaque will sit in the McKemy Building. The tree planting will be held at 1 p.m. outside the McKemy Center. Shovels will be available for students and staff to place the dirt over the tree.

Volunteers work together to paint Maryville home

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Volunteers helped beautify two Maryville homes for the spring rendition of BRUSH - Beautifying Residences Using Student Help.

The program, created by Aleta Hubbard in 2001, is designed to help homeowners in need of a helping hand.

"Our purpose is threefold: to help someone, create an opportunity for people to serve their community by volunteering and improve the appearance of our community," Hubbard said.

BRUSH volunteers provided minor home repairs, yard work and painting to give back to the residents of Maryville.

Lisa Doudna of the volunteer center said that different chores are done to fit the needs of the houses involved.

"Some houses need more help in one area than the other, but for the most part we stick to painting and yard work," Doudna said.

BRUSH volunteers will only paint houses that are occupied by homeowners, and a committee oversees applications for requests to decide what homes to fix.

Hubbard said the program has met her expectations.

However, she would like to see more requests to have the ability to help more people.

Last year, 140 volunteers participated in BRUSH. Almost 60 volunteers supported the program on Saturday.

"A lot of times people who have participated in the past will come back to help, and they usually bring friends, so we expect to see about the same amount of volunteers compared to last year," said Doudna.

Volunteers scraped off old paint and applied a primer Apr. 5 to the two houses participating, which are located on South Walnut and Fourth Streets.

Students repainted both homes Saturday in the final phase of BRUSH.

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Northwest talent

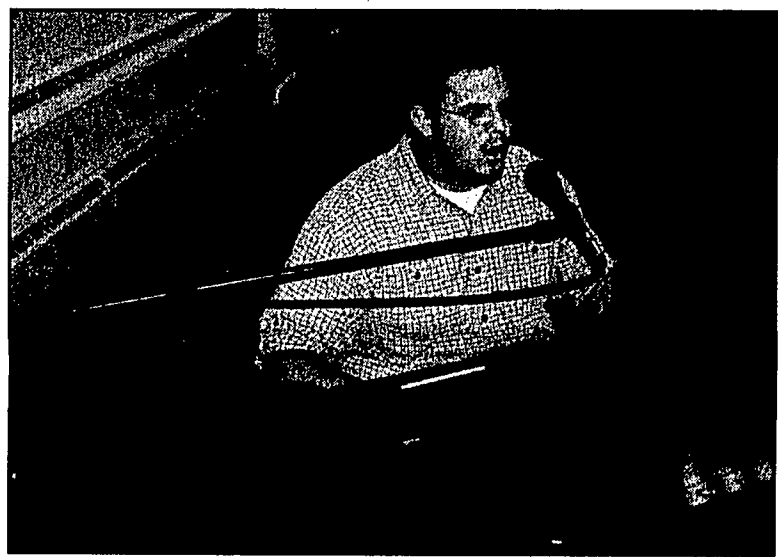


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Jeremy Meyers won first place and \$50 in the Millikan Hall Talent Show Wednesday afternoon in the Student Ballroom. Meyers sang "Fat Guys Need Love Too."

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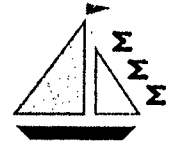
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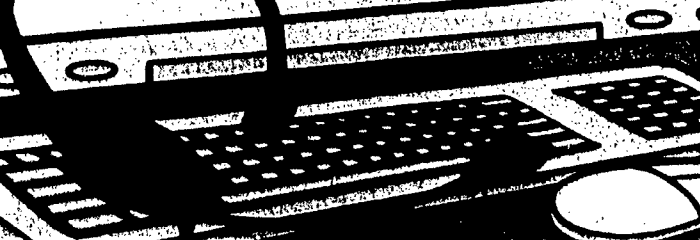
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'Subway guy' visits local restaurant chain

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

Four years ago, an Indiana University student looked next door from his apartment's window toward a little brick building decorated in dark yellows and browns.

Earlier that day, he'd tipped the bathroom scales to a whopping 425 pounds, and, as Jared Fogle knew, "Numbers don't lie."

That's when Fogle's life changed.

During that year, twice a day, seven days a week, the employees next door at Subway came to know Fogle's daily routine: the usual turkey on wheat for lunch and a foot-long veggie for dinner, which cost him more than \$2,900 that year, but for Fogle, "It was absolutely worth it."

Now, the 190-pound Fogle stars in various Subway commercials and travels the country to share his story, as he did last Friday when he visited with customers at Maryville's Subway.

"This is a surreal life these days," he said. "I could never imagine in a million years that this is what I'd be doing. It's very exciting and been a lot of fun, but I don't take myself very seriously."

Hundreds turned out for Fogle's appearance, including Becky Byland, Maryville middle school math teacher and four of her students with a surprise for Fogle in hand.

For a project, the students were asked to create a board game in October, and the students made "Jared's at Subway," a game consisting of questions about Jared's story and Subway nutritional facts.

"This is awesome," said student Jake Finley. "He just signed our board game."

Shane Libel, Maryville Subway owner, said he wanted to bring Fogle to town to share his "amazing" story.

"His story is real and credible," he said. "He's someone people can relate to because he's not an actor. It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

Fogle was discovered after a reporter from the Indiana Daily student newspaper learned of Fogle's dieting success, and it was later picked up by the Associated Press. A few weeks later, Fogle received a call from Subway's headquarters that asked him to appear in a commercial, which soon turned into a national campaign. And today, millions of people know Fogle as the "Subway guy."

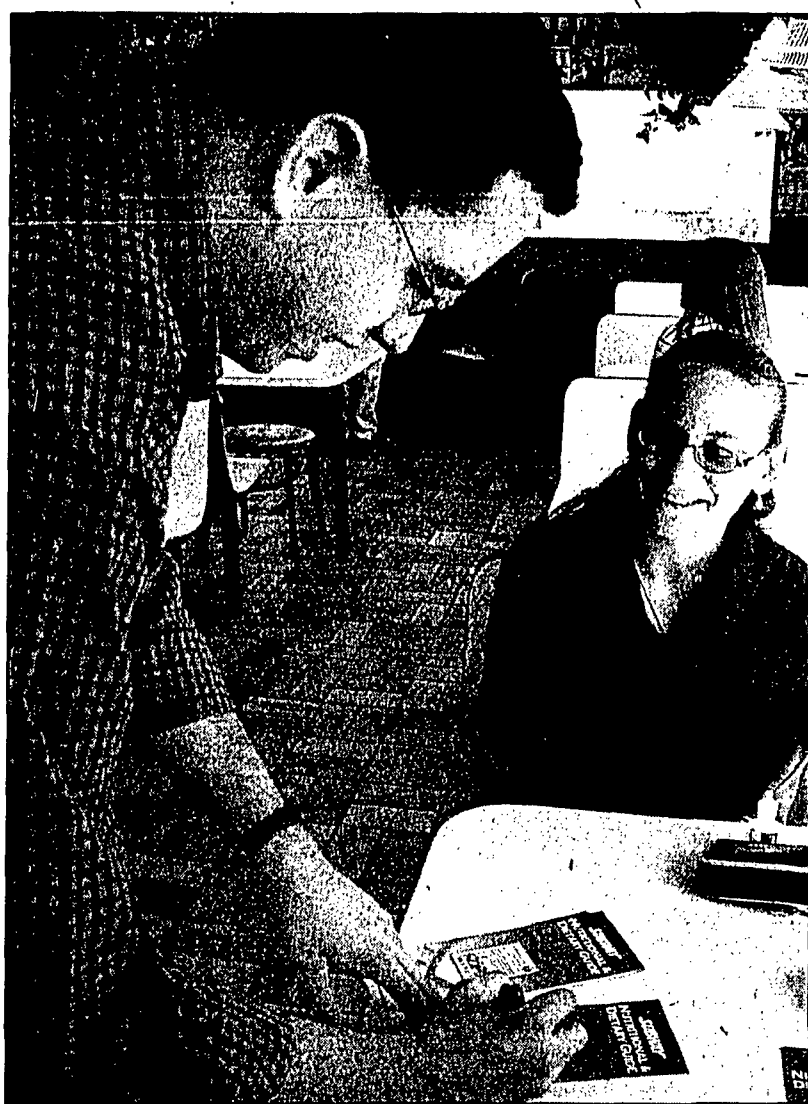
"It's not bad. I could be Monica Lewinsky or something," Fogle said with a chuckle. "I mean, if you're going to be known for something, at least it's something positive and good and something that's really helping other people."

Fogle said the first two weeks were difficult, and throughout his diet, he experienced cravings for other foods.

But he said since he found something that was working, he decided to stick with it, along with walking a mile four days a week.

"I never got tired of losing the weight," Fogle said. "I was extremely happy to stick with it."

For years, Fogle tried everything from SlimFast to frozen low-fat dinners to Weight Watchers, but he could not continue the diets because the food was un-



Local residents got more than a Subway sandwich on Friday, they also got an autograph from "the Subway guy" himself, Jared Fogle. Fogle stopped by to take pictures and meet his Maryville fans.

appealing. And, in the end, he would always return to his typical meal at a fast food restaurant consisting of a double quarter pounder with bacon, fries, a regular coke, and a milk shake or cookie.

"Food was my absolute life," he said. "It was very hard to say 'I'm not going to do this anymore,' but I absolutely had to do it. I was heading down the path of heart disease and eventually death."

Yet one of the hardest things Fogle faces

month after month is being away from his home and wife in Indianapolis.

"I knew I couldn't put this off though because in a couple of years, it won't be here," he said. "I just try to balance both things...but it's tough."

However, Fogle said despite the strenuous travel, hearing stories of weight loss success keeps him going.

"This is the greatest job," he said. "I love it."

Controversial issues reign at City Council meeting

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

"To be or not to be" was the common theme for Monday nights City Council meeting as members worked through controversial business regarding everything from spring clean-up day to a new bed and breakfast.

Citizens were able to voice their opinions concerning the continuation of spring clean-up day.

Those that agreed with the procedure said they believed it helped Maryville residents to get motivated to get rid of their trash and allow the town to take on a cleaner look.

"It enhances our community to get rid of some of the waste that people have that's not picked up by the trash people," Linda Lane, Maryville resident, said. "If we did not have it, tree limbs, leaves and broken down furniture and all is going to pile up around places."

Lisa Luke agreed with Lane on behalf of MCCA and the Chamber of Commerce.

"We need to be trying to clean up Maryville for the future," Luke said. "It would definitely be a step backwards if this did not happen."

Not everyone present agreed with the positive sentiments of these two women.

Terry Allen, refuge haul owner, said he saw no need to use city money to take care of trash that his business is capable of getting rid of on a daily basis.

"If we have a customer that calls that has a chair or something that needs to be picked up, we are more than accommodating," Allen said. "I

believe most of my competition would also agree with me on this."

Mayor Ron Moss sided with Allen and said that he didn't see any reason to interfere with nine or 10 different companies in town that provide this service to the community for free or very little charge.

He said that last year's estimated cost for all of the removal was \$8,000.

"That's about two blocks of asphalt overlay we could be providing," Moss said. "Instead, it gets flushed down the toilet."

Moss expressed concern for the amount of money that is used for the day. He brought up other hypothetical ways in which the money could be used such as providing free dry cleaning for every resident for a week or giving each City Council member a \$50 bonus.

Discussion was the only intent for the issue, so no decision was made.

Two residents of Maryville were given permission to gain a special use permit from the city in order to start renovations for a bed and breakfast. The bed and breakfast will be located at 635 W. Third Street and will house four rooms after renovations occur.

The appointment of Mayor Moss to continue his position and Michael Thompson being sworn into his position as City Council member and mayor pro tem were two issues met without any controversy.

In other business, students and residents are being asked to participate in a public hearing discussion being held at 7 p.m. April 24 at the City Hall.

The ban on smoking in restaurants and on drink specials in local bars are the topics of concern.

Washington School building's purpose ends as demolition begins

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents will soon lose a piece of history which they will only be able to treasure as a memory.

Within the next few weeks, the land where the Washington School building sat for 98 years will become empty.

The city of Maryville built the three-story school in 1908, and Glenn Jonagan, one former Washington Middle School principal who worked in the building for 10 years, said the building

was thought of as an architect's dream.

"The community was extremely proud of it as they are of the new (middle school) building," Jonagan said.

The school served as a high school until 1965, then grades 9 through 12 were transferred to the current Maryville High School. For the next 38 years, the Washington School Building held grades 5 through 8.

The building served many purposes said David Primm, a current 8th grade American history teacher who taught in the building for 26 years. The building's heating unit provided enough heat for

both itself as well as Eugene Field Elementary through steam heat traveling underneath a sidewalk leading to the elementary school. The superintendent's office for numerous years occupied part of the building.

Renovations in the 1980s also helped the building to be tailored to the change of time.

But after 94 years, the Maryville school district needed a new building that could hold more technological capabilities. The Washington School Building was abandoned after Maryville Middle School opened its

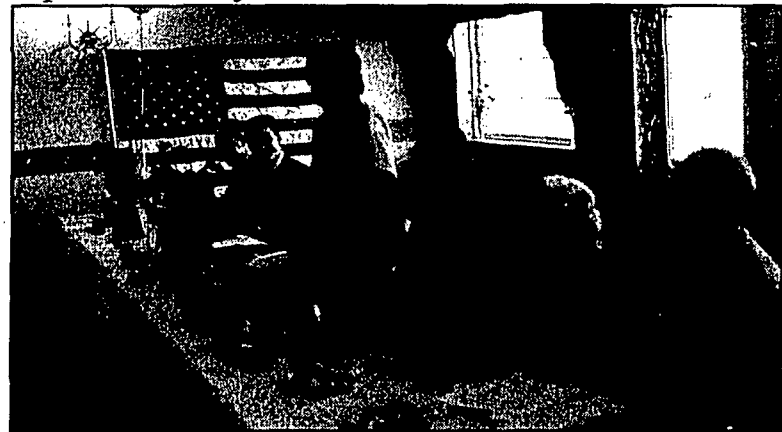
doors to students in 1999.

Even though much of the building will disappear in a few weeks, some items, such as the marble Washington School building sign and its brick sign, will be kept and placed in the Maryville Middle School building.

"I am happy to see some of the cherished things being installed in the new building," said Jonagan.

A crew from Royal Wrecking firm will begin tearing down the interior of the building Monday in preparation to demolish the rest of the building at the end of April.

Republican Rally



Laughter surrounds the table as a joke is shared between members of the Republican Party. The gathering was held at A & G Restaurant for Lincoln Day.

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Our View

Take charge of Maryville's future

Local retail development organizations must sort out economic responsibilities

So we're finally supposed to be getting an Applebee's, huh?

It's about time this fledgling town decided to grow up.

And yet, the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce deserves no praise, nor does Nodaway County Economic Development, for they have nothing to do with the fact that this college town has at long last taken that first tiny step to actually becoming a college town.

As our readers may have noticed in the article announcing this development in our last issue, neither organization had any clue about Concord Hospitality's plans to build in Maryville.

According to Nodaway County Economic Development, its focus is on industry while the Chamber's focus is supposed to be on retail and service development. However, the Chamber directs questions about retail development back to Nodaway County Economic Development.

So, if neither the Chamber nor Nodaway County Economic Development is in charge of retail development, then who is? No wonder it's taken so long to develop even the small inkling of interest this town has currently prodded out of Concord Hospitality.

We at *The Missourian* would truly appreciate it if Nodaway County Economic Development and the Chamber would get their priorities and responsibilities in order. The students of Northwest have been pleading for a little entertainment variety for ages now, and truly, the full-time residents of Maryville might enjoy a little dining diversity in the area as well.

And now that The Hangar has been forced to eliminate the student ticket price (thanks to contract negotiations with a couple of major film companies) and, by doing so, raised the price of admission \$2.50 (that's a 58.8 percent increase), this town has an even greater need for alternative entertainment.

We challenge the members of the Chamber to do their jobs, and we challenge the members of Nodaway County Economic Development to do their jobs, too, if they're not doing so already.

These two entities should be a team in bringing businesses to Maryville, but, as of now, it appears that at least one, if not both organizations, have no idea what they're doing.

To these organizations, we would like to say:

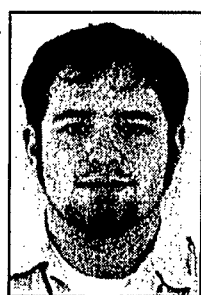
■ Get together and sort out which responsibilities belong to whom.

■ Make those responsibilities your priorities.

■ Make this town into what it's wanted to be for so long: a diverse college town with a variety of things to do.

Then, perhaps, these organizations and this town can earn the respect that it might eventually deserve.

The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Try on another point of view during the war

Your name is Suad Mahmood. You're 23 years old, and, until recently, you were a graduate student working toward a degree in American literature at Baghdad University.

Growing up, you always hated Saddam Hussein, but you were able to live a relatively happy life surrounded by friends and family, and you were always careful to avoid voicing your political opinions. Unlike most of the people in the nations around yours, you and your friends had access to American movies and music, and you fell in love with American culture—especially its literature.

You were just a child when Hussein invaded Kuwait and the first Gulf War brought destruction into your life. You survived the long nights of bombing, but the U.S.-led forces destroyed your country's civilian infrastructure as U.S.

officials openly bragged of bombing Iraq "back to the stone age." You wondered if those officials were aware that they were talking about the birthplace of human civilization.

Still, even when many of your friends began to hate the United States as they lost basic necessities like healthcare and suitable drinking water, and as they saw U.S.-led sanctions kill hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children while only strengthening Saddam's rule, you remained fascinated by American culture and dreamed of studying in the United States.

Last October, as it appeared your university would soon be shut down, a British reporter asked for your opinion on the United States. You told him about your love of literature and about the letters you sent to American universities asking for books and research materials that your library couldn't afford. You said, "I know they don't want to help us, but now they want to attack our country again. I just don't understand why they hate us."

Another literature student, Hind Saad, angrily told the reporter, "Our people want to live in safety. Why do they consider us all guilty? Why do they want to force themselves on us?" More than anything, you just hoped that war would not come. But soon, the bombs came again anyway. Perhaps you were in the Shu'ala district market with your family when a cruise missile killed at least 62 civilians. Perhaps you saw your family torn to pieces by yet another Anglo-American bomb gone astray. Perhaps you helped take the survivors to the Kindi hospital or another like it, and there you saw the blood-caked sheets, the swarming flies, the limless children. Perhaps you saw Rawa Sabri or Safa Karim or one of the other little girls whose body was mutilated by our bombs and thought of yourself at that age.

But perhaps you were one of the victims. And maybe that's best. Because now you're not seeing the bodies strewn all over the streets you grew up on; you're not seeing the occupying forces stand by while thugs loot and burn hospitals, banks, and schools; and you're not seeing the destruc-

tion of millions of ancient, priceless artifacts from the Iraqi National Museum, including the world's first written words, which survived for over 5,000 years before being destroyed merely because the invaders were more concerned with securing oil fields than with protecting humanity's history and culture.

And, if you're dead, you aren't hearing the desperate pleading of an Egyptian political scientist expressing the feelings of the Arab world: "Please, America must hear our voices. The American media and people are in a state of euphoria right now, but they are not seeing it the way we are seeing it at all. The Arab street is very frustrated, and to America, I repeat, I repeat, I repeat, the real war hasn't started yet...No Arabs want to welcome an occupying power."

And you aren't hearing that even Egypt's president, along with nearly everyone else, is warning that this war will create countless Osama bin Ladens. And you're not wondering, as you surely would be, who is praying for your family while the U.S. government distributes pledge cards to soldiers asking them to pray for President Bush.

And you are not watching as most of the "journalists" of the invading countries excitedly portray this murderous war as a glorious sporting event while the few serious reporters of the Western mainstream press, like British reporter Robert Fisk (www.independent.co.uk), are attacked for honestly reporting its many, many horrors.

And you are not crying as the West speaks of your "liberation" and your bright future while delightedly handing massive contracts for everything from control of Iraqi oil to internal policing to postwar cleanup projects, not to your people, but to scandal-ridden U.S. corporations.

And you will not have to see the brutal dictator you hated replaced by an American-headed military government.

Suad, despite all of this, I hope you're somehow alive and safe. I'm thinking of you.

Letters to the Editor

Northwest student voices opinion on merger, insists new name will aid students' future

I am very much so in favor of this name change because it will make our résumés much more impressive because if we leave this close knit area of America and let's say apply for a career in Chicago or New York, if we use the name University of Missouri, it will be more impressive to employers because how many people outside of this region have even heard of Northwest Missouri State University?

One problem I see with the name that President Hubbard wants to use. The name University

of Missouri-Northwest has gotta go. I think it sounds better to have the city name. Also, I believe that all of you out-of-state people need to grow up. Tuition will rise no matter what because of the budget crisis. You have to see the picture of the future. Paying \$25 more per credit hour is a lot of money, but the name University of Missouri will help you get a better job that will probably pay more.

TIM KITZING
INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

Kansas City resident disagrees with proposed increase in defense spending

Before George W. Bush's father became president, one invulnerable submarine could destroy any country on Earth.

The Cold War ended over 10 years ago. The former Soviet Union split into 15 countries. There are about 300 million people in the United States.

For each of these past 10 years, the United States has been spending about \$300 billion for defense. In other words, the United States has been spending about \$1,000 per person per year for the last 10 years.

It would take about 17,000 New York City-sized terrorist attacks to

equal the deaths of World War II. About 3,000 people died in New York on Sept. 11, 2001; WWII killed about 50 million. One U.S. submarine now has more firepower than all of WWII.

In the "2003 World Almanac," the U.S. defense budget is now five times larger than the Russian budget. All Western European nations are allies of the United States.

Still, George W. Bush wants large increases in non-terrorist related defense spending.

TERRY MCKAY
KANSAS CITY, MO

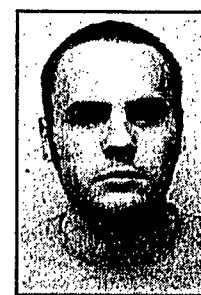
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"Yes, I don't think Northwest Missouri State University is qualified to be a member of the University of Missouri system until both President Hubbard and the editor of *The Northwest Missourian* can learn the difference between a noun such as "merger," and a verb such as "merge."

Your View

What's your opinion of the proposed merge with the University of Missouri system?



"Strongly against. If I wanted to be part of the University of Missouri, I would have gone there in the first place. I tried to e-mail Hubbard about it and only got the same form e-mails in return. The second one had four extra lines, that's it."

BRENT CLARK
ACCOUNTING



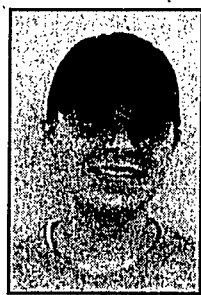
"I think it's a good idea. I think it will help. I really don't know that much about it. I don't think it will hurt the school."

AMANDA CALKINS
MUSIC EDUCATION



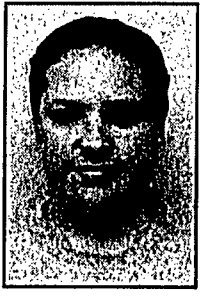
"I think it would be a bad idea because it would discourage the individuality of the school. People know it as Northwest Missouri State. Not the University of Missouri Maryville."

JENNY PLETTNER
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



"If it'll save money it's an admirable goal, considering that Northwest has upped tuition. I don't think they've given us enough information about it. They haven't told me anything to convince me that it's a good idea."

SARAH PAINTER
SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION



"I don't like it at all. I like the school as it is. Of course, I don't know all about it. I'm not that informed. But from what I have heard, I don't like it."

TRACY WARD
VOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION

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Calendar of Events

Thurs. 17th ■ Holy Thursday ■ 2003
Permanent Street Project informational meeting, 425 N. Market
 ■ **Jazz Ensemble Concert**, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Delta Zeta Big Band on Campus Pageant**, 5 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

Fri. 18th ■ Good Friday ■ Maryville
Schools-No School, Easter Vacation
 ■ **Community Worship**, 12:10 to 12:45 p.m., Northwest Conference Center

Sat. 19th ■ Holy Saturday ■ Easter
Vigil, 9 p.m., St. Gregory's

Sun. 20th ■ Easter ■ First Christian
Church Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., Mozingo

Mon. 21st ■ Maryville Schools-No School, Easter
 Vacation
 ■ **Horace Mann Visit Day**, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Horace Mann School
 ■ **Maryville Parks and Recreation Adult Softball registration**, 415 N. Market Street, upper level of city hall
 ■ **IM Frisbee Golf Begins**
 ■ **IM Golf Meet Entries** Close, Noon

Tues. 22nd ■ Maryville Parks and Recreation
Adult Softball registration, 415 N. Market Street, upper level of city hall
 ■ **Tower Choir/University Chorale Concert**, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Wed. 23rd ■ Maryville Parks and Recreation
Adult Softball registration, 415 N. Market Street, upper level of city hall
 ■ **IM Golf Meet**

Thur. 24th ■ Maryville Parks and Recreation
Adult Softball registration, 415 N. Market Street, upper level of city hall
 ■ **IM Track Meet**

BIRTHS

Trey Matthew Houchin

Matt and Melanie Houchin, Maryville, are the parents of Trey Matthew, born April 8 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins one brother, Tyler Eugene.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Janet Whitehill, Farragut, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Gene and Miriam Houchin, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandparents are Eleanor Whitehill, Shenandoah, Iowa, and Ruby Smith, Kansas. Paternal great-grandparents are Wilbur and Helen Sickman, Northboro, Iowa, and Ethelmae Houchin, Shenandoah.

Tyler Jonathan Strunk

Brandon and Rachel Strunk, Maryville, are the parents of Tyler Jonathan, born April 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandfather is Tom Stickler, Portland, Ore. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Nancy Strunk, Nebraska City, Neb.

Maternal great-grandmother is Virginia Olsen, Portland, Ore. Paternal great-grandmother is Leatha Strunk, Wind Gap, Penn.

Dylan Troy Swaney

Jason and Annette Swaney, Bedford, Iowa, are the parents of Dylan Troy, born April 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and joins one brother, Brett William.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Kathi Blunck, Mt. Airy, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Karen Swaney, Sheridan, Mo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ann Larson and Helen Blunck, Mt. Airy.

Ella Lynn Hazen

Matthew and Tenna Hazen, St. Joseph, are the parents of Ella Lynn, born April 1 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Sharon Hopper, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Twyla Hazen, Maryville.

Maternal great-grandfather is Marvin Wendt, Arion, Iowa. Paternal

great-grandparents are Jim and Lena Hazen, Midland Park, N.J., and Luke Boone, Maryville.

Collin Robert Sager

Rob and Marci Sager, Stanberry, are the parents of Collin Robert, born April 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one sister, Madelyn Blair.

Maternal grandparents are Randy and Barb Abcock, Stanberry. Paternal grandparents are Milton and Janet Sager, Stanberry.

Maternal great-grandparents are Norman Lininger, Albany. Paternal great-grandparents are Maxine Lock, LaPlata, and Cleo Sager, Stanberry.

Maternal great-grandmother is Ava Bunting, Maryville.

McKenna Marie Stephens

Charity and Bryce Stephens, Gladstone, are the parents of McKenna Marie, born April 1 at St. Luke's Northland Hospital in Kansas City.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1.5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Glenna Mahoney, Blue Springs. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Linda Stephens, Maryville.

PUBLIC SAFETY

April 3

■ An officer received a report of an assault that occurred in the 1500 block of South Munn. Travis L. Beason, 17, Maryville, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

■ An officer received a report from a female individual that another individual was harassing her.

April 4

■ Dana L. Hosier, 22, Maryville, was traveling south on College Park Drive, attempting to make a left turn onto Memorial Road. Douglas Cummins, 42, Maryville, was stopped at the stop sign at Memorial Drive. The Hosier vehicle struck the Cummins vehicle.

April 5

■ While on patrol, an officer ob-

served a vehicle make a wide U-turn at the intersection of East Seventh and North Davis. The vehicle was stopped in the 600 block of North Davis. The driver of the vehicle was a male juvenile. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. The case is being referred to the Juvenile Office. Jacob D. Brown, 18, Fontanell, Iowa, Jason A. Engles, 17, Greenfield, Iowa, and Stacy L. Antisdel, 20, Maryville were issued summonses for minor in possession and open container in a vehicle.

April 7

■ An officer received a report from a female juvenile that she had been assaulted by another female juvenile while in the 1500 block of South Munn. The case is being referred to the Juvenile Office.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a window at his residence in the 1000 block of North Elm was damaged.

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of East Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight illuminated. The vehicle was stopped in the 900 block of West Seventh. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Damienn C. Chumley, 24, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of marijuana was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI and transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond. He was also issued summonses for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to display lighted headlamps.

■ Monica E. Perry, 20, Maryville, was traveling east on West 11th. Mary J. Jesaitis, 21, Maryville, was traveling north on North Mulberry. The Perry vehicle struck the Jesaitis vehicle.

■ Joshua A. Kinder, 19, Maryville, and Myrna L. Landherr, 61, Maryville, were traveling south on

South Main. The Landherr vehicle was stopped in traffic attempting to make a left turn. The Kinder vehicle struck the Landherr vehicle.

April 8

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Brian E. Justice, 17, Maryville, for failure to show why fines were not paid as agreed. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

April 9

■ Bobby L. Heideman, 29, Maryville, and Melissa N. Eckstein, 24, Maryville, were stopped at a stop sign on South Newton. The Heideman vehicle began to enter the intersection when he noticed an oncoming vehicle. Heideman then began to back up, striking the Eckstein vehicle.

April 10

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a male individual urinating in public. Brian H. Johnson, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a verbal argument between several males at Third and Market Streets. Upon making contact, Neil R. Constant, 21, Parnell, was issued summonses for failure to comply and disorderly conduct.

■ An officer had received a report from a business in the 100 block of North Depot that someone had taken an anhydrous ammonia tank from their business in the 100 block of North Depot.

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire at 290th and Jet Road. Upon arrival, the fire was extinguished with no damage to real property.

■ Melissa D. Figg, 21, St. Joseph, was coming out of a private drive in the 100 block of East South Hills Drive. Steven L. Swaim, 50, Maryville, was traveling east in the 100 block of East South Hills Drive. The Figg vehicle struck the Swaim vehicle. Figg was issued a summons for failure to yield from a private drive.

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Business owner sues Public Safety

Frederich Yunadi accuses police of mistreatment

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Two arrests made on April 9 at Missouri Dry Cleaning have led a local resident to press charges against Maryville Public Safety.

Frederich Yunadi, owner of Missouri Dry Cleaning, is filing a case against Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, along with other police officials and the Department of Public Safety.

According to Yunadi, public safety officials arrested his son Steven Yunadi and his son's girlfriend, Nina Guba, at Missouri Dry Cleaning without a warrant or court order.

"The police did handcuff [Nina] right away, and she was told to go to the police station," Yunadi said. "Then Nina asked them, 'What is going on?' All they said was 'I don't know.' Then Nina asked them to show the warrant letters or court order, but they told Nina that they did not need any of them."

According to City Attorney David

Baird, charges were filed against the younger Yunadi and Guba regarding fraudulent use of a credit and debit card device and stealing by deceit. Baird said each count is considered a felony.

Yunadi does not disagree with the arrests that were made, just the way in which they were handled.

"Whatever my son did, if they find anything wrong, go ahead. Make the arrest," Yunadi said. "It's just unacceptable to not follow law and do everything without any explanation. If there is no reason, it is kidnapping."

Yunadi said he is also angered with the absence of a translator at the time of the arrest due to the lack of fluent English spoken by those arrested.

"If English is your second language, it is written in international law that you must have a translator present at the time of the arrest," Yunadi said. "How can I understand the law? There should have been a prepared translator."

Yunadi has taken advantage of recent events involving state and local government officials to voice his concern regarding the issue. During Congressman Sam Graves's visit to Maryville, Yunadi met with him and City Manager Matt Chesnut.

"Congressman Sam Graves was very surprised," Yunadi said. "He told me he will try to help in my investigation process."

Yunadi also used the public portion of Monday night's City Council meeting to explain his situation. He said that Maryville Public Safety had been ignoring the issue and avoiding his contact, so he figured the next step was to take it before the City Council.

He explained to the council members that they should take some responsibility in what occurred because they are the people who have the ability to hire and fire police officials.

Mayor Ron Moss listened to the concerns and tried to offer Yunadi names of appropriate individuals who could advise him in a suitable way.

"The City Council cannot practice law," Moss said. "We cannot give you a statement regarding the law."

Yunadi said he wasn't bringing the issue to gain advice, but he was trying to let the officials know what is occurring within their city.

Currently, Yunadi is working on the specifics of the lawsuit. Wood was out of town and unable to comment regarding the case.

GRAVES from 1A

Congressman visits Maryville, presses for state legislation

as possible so that those 10 projects can be executed.

David Ahlvers, MoDot District 1 engineer, will be working with his crew to provide Highway 71 travelers the most effective and safest way to travel on the road. Ahlvers and his crew will be using aerial photos to help draw in the details of the current design of alterations which will include a bridge overpass and ramps into and out of Maryville. Ahlvers said none of the current road will be torn apart except the crossovers.

Even though the progress of providing a reasonable answer to the Highway 71 intersection predicament will be slow in coming, Graves remains optimistic about the plans.

Graves said he hopes a House version of the bill will be done before the Congress and Senate end their session in August. If the House's version of the bill is not done,

then the bill will be carried over to 2004.

Ahlvers said he and his crew are in the design stages of the project which will take six to 12 months to complete.

Graves and Ahlvers are optimistic that the work could begin in spring of 2005 and would cost approximately \$8 million to fund. Ahlvers also said 80 percent of the project will be funded by the federal government, and the other 20 percent will be funded by the state.

He also said if not all the funding is available, the bridge and earth work would begin and then the paving of the ramps would be completed last. Ahlvers said the process will take one to two years depending on the level of funding.

"It is an ongoing process, and you are going to hear a lot about it over the next several months," said Graves.

Maryville resident Louise Garten said

she thinks that the Highway 71 intersection should have been well planned the first time so that a second plan would not be needed.

"When they were planning the four lanes they should have planned an oblique entrance in such that we would not have to take a sharp turn," Garten said. "Now, we are not only going to have a sharp 90 degree turn, but we are going to have to go over a bridge in the winter time."

Garten, who travels several times on the intersection, is not looking forward to the winter months when the planned overpass is icy. She said she doesn't understand how the intersection will be fixed properly without creating a problem for drivers.

Graves said he hopes to correct the current problems that plague the Highway 71 intersection.

"Third time is a charm, and maybe we can fix it on the third time around," he said.

FULTON from page 1A

Internet conversations link Fulton man to disappearance

a July trial for charges of possession of child pornography. A former lay minister and church youth counselor, Rogers, who is married, was convicted and incarcerated for possession of child pornography in 1992. He currently owns the Columbia-based Deck and Decker Personnel Service.

Perry was reported missing to the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department April 17, 2001. Family members, with whom Perry was reportedly close, informed law enforcement that he was last seen April 11, 2001 at his father's Skidmore residence.

According to official documents, past leads had Perry allegedly involved in the local drug trade, indicating that he may have owed money for drugs or was about to report illegal drug activities to law enforcement and that he was killed for these reasons. Investigations by law enforcement into the drug allegations failed to reveal what happened to Perry or his whereabouts.

According to an affidavit for a search warrant of Fulton's home by Sgt. David Merrill, Missouri State Highway Patrol Criminal Investigator in the Division of Drug and Crime Control, Rogers became a lead in Perry's disappearance after FBI agents conducted an investigation of Mobile, Ala., Resident Michael Davidson, who pled guilty to possession of child pornography in September 2002.

A copy of a chat room log seized from Davidson's computer during the investigation details a dialogue between two people listed under the screen names "Buggerbutt" and "Mickpower1234" who claim to be Jack Rogers and Michael Davidson. Details of the dialogue graphically discuss the abduction, torture and murder of a subject by Rogers that is believed to be Branson Perry.

Within the chat room conversation, Rogers told Davidson that a friend directed him to the Web site www.truthorfiction.com, where a plea by Perry's mother for his safe return appears.

Rogers then confirmed to Davidson that he had met Perry, and that "Oh yes, and (Perry) did not just disappear, there was more involved." He then details to Davidson his encounter with Perry.

According to the online conversation, he picked up Perry, who was hitchhiking on the interstate and "on his way to (Kansas City) to spend some time with someone he knew from (the) Internet." Rogers then explained how he gave Perry marijuana and alcohol and later drugged him with Phenobarbital, and anti-convulsant barbiturate, and took him to a wooded area in the Ozarks. He then detailed Perry's torture and murder.

Other online conversations with Davidson describe numerous other killings of males ranging in age from early teens to mid-40s, and an occasion of recognizing one victim on a bulletin board featuring missing children at Wal-Mart.

According to Merrill's affidavit, the comments made in the chat room "...reference several facts that would only be known by Jack Rogers through direct contact with Branson Perry."

According to an affidavit by FBI Special Agent Mickey Roberts, an individual listed under the same screen name of "Buggerbutt" reported in a separate chat log that he had driven his truck to Skidmore and abducted a blond-haired boy. He then admitted to having raped and murdered the boy, and later having seen a poster identifying him as missing at a Skidmore gas station. He also said authorities would never find the boy because "he had disposed of the body in such a way that it would never be found."

Merrill, who is heading the investigation by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Nodaway County Sheriff's Department assisted by the FBI and Fulton Police Department said that, despite the disparity between each of the chat log

claims, further investigation should reveal their accuracy.

"Additional interviews with Davidson have apparently revealed different statements," Merrill said. "What is 100 percent true, we don't know at this point."

According to an affidavit by CIS Michael V. Stern, three computer systems were seized in a March 18 search warrant of Rogers's home that revealed images of child pornography, as well as those of severed genitals and "before and after" photographs of a male that had his genitalia removed. Stern's affidavit also reports that, while searching e-mail correspondence for evidence of the transmission of child pornography, a number of e-mails were noticed that indicate Rogers was engaging in the removal of genitalia and the re-location of urethras. The March 17 search also resulted in the seizure of surgical tools including scalpels, sutures, scissors, ropes and clamps.

According to an inventory of the April 9 search warrant by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, items seized from Rogers's home include ropes, needles, a scalpel kit, assorted prescription drugs, various pornographic material and sex paraphernalia.

Merrill said that Rogers has not been charged in connection with Perry's disappearance but has been briefly questioned. Merrill could not comment on whether Perry may be alive or the possible whereabouts of his remains.

Stinnett said she was certain that her grandson did not know Rogers prior to his disappearance. While Rogers is currently a suspect and has yet to be charged with the crimes, Stinnett said some acceptance has already sunk in for the family.

"If Mr. Rogers is charged and found guilty, I don't think any punishment would be bad enough for him," she said. "He took something very precious out of our lives."

DIX from 1A

Dix defeats Lakebrink in elections, is sworn in as president

surrounded by excellent people, and I'm excited to see what she can accomplish."

Dix said that she is looking forward to next year because of the group of people with which she will be working.

"I think that starting with a fresh group will be great," Dix said. "We have

got an awesome group of senators that we are going to work with. The idea that you can start fresh each year is really a positive attribute to Student Senate."

This week, a vote on Proposition B, which would implement a new constitution, is taking place on WebStar.

"We are going to have to take that one day at a time," Dix said. "We will just have to tackle that battle when it comes. I don't have a game plan yet, I'm just waiting to see what happens, and hopefully, we will have the right people in here to make us knowledgeable and go through it."

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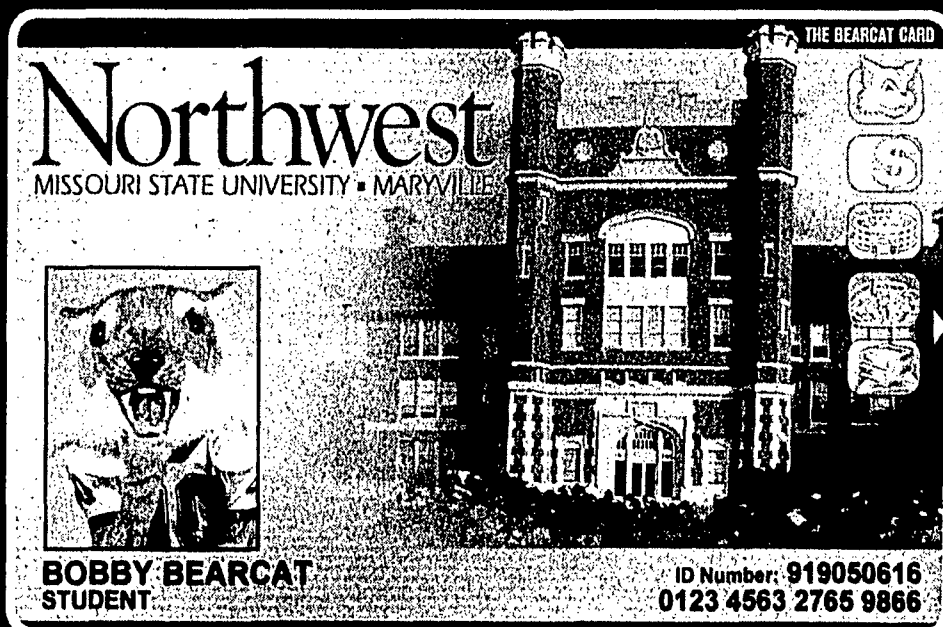
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Businesses prepare for University merger

Maryville business owners are worried about the possible merger

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Concern regarding the possible merger with the University of Missouri system has now seeped beyond the campus grounds and into businesses of the community.

Business owners are trying to remain positive regarding the issue, but many still fear that there will be negative affects until the transition is fully completed.

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JIM GOECKEN
STUDENT BODY OWNER

Thirty percent of the products labeled Northwest in the Student Body will no longer be in demand if the merger takes place.

"Of course we won't throw it all away," Goecken said. "We will have to get rid of it though, mainly through discounting."

Goecken said he knows that there will always be a market for the product though, especially from the alumni that graduated from Northwest.

He said that these people are always going to want something to show their pride for Northwest.

Goecken said he believes that a lot of his business will depend on what the new name will be. He said that a lot of the products he sells only use the name Northwest, therefore if the name is changed

to University of Missouri-Northwest, these products would still be appropriate.

"The Maryville Bearcats sounds like a high school name, not an institution for higher learning," Goecken said. "Northwest will keep the identity of the school and allow me to reuse a lot of the things I am currently selling."

Al Turner, owner of the Sports Shop, agrees with Goecken that keeping the Northwest name in the school name would be a positive move.

"Keeping the Northwest name will help smooth out this transition," Turner said. "In fact, I think it's almost imperative in order to not lose the school's identification."

Turner said that his main concern for his business lies in past experiences he has faced regarding obtaining University of Missouri logos.

"In the past it has been difficult to get University of Missouri logos because of license agreements," Turner said. "Now, they are a little better, but it's

still a basis for concern." Turner and Goecken said that they have not been contacted regarding licensing procedures to carry the University of Missouri logo yet but realize it will be a necessity if the name change does occur.

"It's going to be interesting to see if this whole thing will squeeze out some businesses," Turner said.

Turner isn't worried that his business will be one that will be taken out, but the overall concern is still present.

"It will impact us," Turner said. "Whether it's on the plus or the minus, we'll just have to see."

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Northwest speaks out through student regent

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

A meeting was held in the Union Sunday for the regents of Northwest to have a preliminary vote on whether Northwest Missouri State University should become part of the University of Missouri system.

In the end, the pro side won out 6-1.

There to witness the events and give the students' opinion was Paul Klute, student regent. Though Klute does not have a vote on the Board of Regents, he does share the opinion of the students.

There are several changes that could potentially occur if Northwest does become part of the University of Missouri school system.

One is teachers would be required to teach nine hours instead of the 12 they are currently required to teach, along with having three hours of research time.

Klute said there are some common misconceptions and questions that he gets from other students. One is students wanting to know if books would still be included in the tuition, and the answer is yes.

Klute said that there are several benefits of joining the University of Missouri system.

"The first big advantage would be some financial stability, and in this

time when freshmen enrollment is declining, we at least look at other options that would offset those," Klute said.

Another advantage for students according to Klute would be having the University of Missouri name attached to diplomas.

Klute also acknowledged there are some disadvantages to joining the University of Missouri system as well.

"Obviously, if we merge, we are going to have to give up some power of autonomy," Klute said. "Our curators and our president are going to have to give up some power and yield it to the president of the University of Missouri system."

Though the Board of Regents passed the proposition to the University of Missouri system, in its initial stages, some students are not feeling quite as sure about the merger.

"The positives and the negatives are pretty much neck and neck right now, but I know that there are a significant number of students that have questions now," Klute said.

Klute is currently trying to accomplish the task of keeping students informed about the process.

"Through the e-mails that I have been and will be sending out, they will be more educated as the administration becomes more educated because, as it stands, we are still in the negotiations process," Klute said.

Curators from 1A

Curators, Board of Regents approve proposed merger

If Northwest becomes part of the UM system, there is a possibility that the University will become the University of Missouri-Maryville.

Mary Throener, director of human resources, said it is vital that Northwest keeps part of its identity in tact.

"I think the name University of Missouri-Northwest kind of

holds on to our uniqueness," Throener said.

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MARY THROENER
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Raay Courter, vice president for Finance, said the community is better educated on the subject than they were one week ago.

"It seems to me that more people are informed on the situ-

The Curators are coming to campus Tuesday for a tour in regards to the merger.

ation," Courter said.

"The information is being sent through newspapers in Columbia, St. Louis and Kansas City, which is good...It should help them understand what the issues are."

With the information being sent through various media in the state, there are many topics that have been debated.

One of those topics is the speed at which the proposal is being passed through the Missouri Legislature.

"It's like a catch-22," Courter said.

"If you don't have the details figured out, you shouldn't move towards that next step. There has to be an official start, and that's what we did."

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STUDENTS from 1A

Students voice opinions regarding the possible merge between Northwest, UM system

Bauer, a political science major who is active in student government, argued that despite short notice and a number of questions that have yet to be answered, the merger would do students of Northwest far more help than harm.

"This would give Northwest students and the University more opportunities because it entrenches far more stable funding for our system, and it puts us back on top," Bauer said. "I think, when looking at the possibility of Missouri Western State College becoming a university, there's a lot of momentum building around name

changes. You can't fight these attempts forever, so this will once again give us the advantage."

While a number of students have reflected concerns regarding the future of their education and the possibility of further tuition increases, an added cause for alarm to both campus and community is that of maintaining Northwest's autonomy. Nathan Lane, a sophomore industrial psychology major and Bearcat Ambassador, voiced his concerns regarding his job of promoting Northwest to potential freshmen and transfer students.

"If we do merge with the Univer-

sity of Missouri, Northwest needs to stay Northwest in terms of population, class sizes and, particularly, personality," Lane said. "If they change it or take any of those factors away, it certainly will make my job a lot harder to do."

Lane said that, while he is not informed enough to make a decision on his feelings about the possible merger, it is imperative that certain aspects to the University remain.

"I'm for it if things stay the same, but if we do make big changes, I don't think it's necessary when we're doing okay by ourselves," Lane said. "Things

need to stay in place, or we'll lose a lot to the competition. If our students have to pay \$13-14,000 a year, we'll lose a lot of ground."

Most importantly to Lane and numerous other students as well as alumni, the University must retain just what it was built on—pride.

"If we do change, we need to be the University of Missouri-Northwest, and we need to make sure we stay that way," Lane said. "We want to be compared to Northwest because we are Northwest. People are concerned with keeping our mascot and colors, and that's normal. It's that spirit, being a Bearcat type of thing."



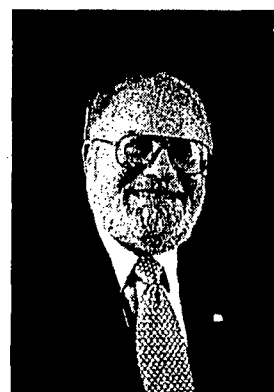
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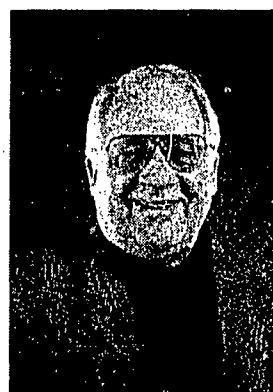
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Associate Professor of Curriculum & Instruction
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10 years, 11 months

Dr. John Bowers
Professor and Chairman of Psychology/Sociology/Counseling
Aug. 28, 1980 – May 5, 2003
22 years, 8 months

Dr. Bob Bush
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Sept. 1, 1968 – June 30, 2002
33 years, 10 months

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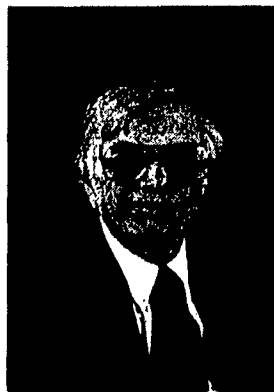
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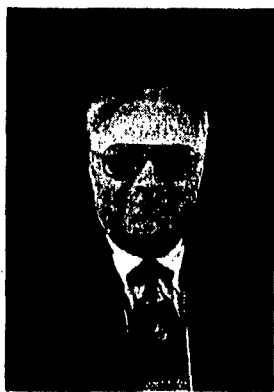
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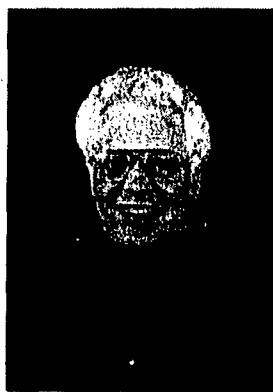
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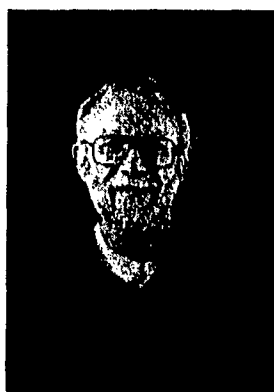
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Shedding light on urban legends

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

As the story goes, a young couple parks at Lookout Point one evening after dark for some privacy in their love. Soon, an announcer interrupts the song playing on the car radio to report an escaped convict with a hook for a hand loose in the area and advise people not to go outside unless absolutely necessary.

From here, there are several given outcomes:

Scenario A: The young girl insists her boyfriend drive them home and, upon arrival there, they find a bloody hook hanging from the outside door handle.

Scenario B: The couple hears scratching on the roof of the car, and the fearless boyfriend leaves the car for an inspection.

When the scratching continues and he does not return, the girl checks outside to see him hanging from an overhead tree branch, his feet scraping the roof.

Scenario C: The fearless boyfriend again leaves to inspect mysterious scratching, but before the girl can check into the thumps she hears, police arrive and instruct her to run from the car without looking back. When she reaches the patrol cars, she turns to see the hook-handed convict standing on the roof with her boyfriend's head.

Urban legends like this one have been surfacing for years. This particular one dates as far back as the 1950s, although there is no definite proof on its absolute truth.

"(Urban legends) do have a basis in truth," said John Harold Brunvand, author of "Too Good to Be True - The Colossal Book of Urban Legends." "They are about things that really happen (in different areas). It is an open question as to who starts them. The best we can say is that everyone who repeats one contributes to the growth and development of these stories. Seldom do we get back to a specific origin."

Some people have a difficult time discounting urban legends because of their near-plausibility. They often contain elements of horror, humor, warning or morality and just enough true-to-life facts to make them believable.

"(People) hear them from credible sources: family members, co-workers, neighbors (or) friends at school," said Brunvand. "They are about familiar places like shopping malls, familiar experiences like traveling, things we are worried about like crime. It seems as though they could

have happened."

Urban legends have begun spreading to media in addition to word of mouth.

"I think (they) are a lucrative source of creation for the film industry, but other than that they're insignificant," said art major Mike Chappelow.

Movies have indeed begun to feature urban legends, such as 1992's "Candyman," 1997's "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and 1998's "Dead Man on Campus."

However, the folklore is most prominent in 1998's "Urban Legend," in which a serial killer re-enacts various urban legends, and in the 2000 sequel, "Urban Legends: Final Cut," in which a film student's movie script reminiscent of the original Urban Legend begins happening to her cast.

Internet chain e-mail has also created numerous bogus virus warnings, the Nostradamus predictions of 9/11 and free offers from various franchises such as Victoria's Secret and Disney World.

Although these media are the most widespread forums for accounts of urban legends, they are surfacing other places as well.

"You find urban legends in newspaper columns, repeated on talk shows, worked into television programs and films, comic strips and popular songs," said Brunvand. "Even if the context of a newspaper article is to debunk the story, some people tend to remember the story rather than the discussion of it."

There are different ways to determine whether or not a story is an urban legend. A story might be an urban legend if:

■ There are variations to the story.

■ The general topic is a common news subject like death, crime, horror, etc.

■ The story contains a moral or warning.

■ The story is too good to be true.

Folklorists go about disproving legends in more in-depth ways.

"The general approach to folk narrative research involves collecting as many variations of the story as possible, seeing how they are distributed in time and space (and) comparing the variations in detail," Brunvand said. "I don't think there will be any infallible, automatic debunking program because there will still be the human interest factor. People love the stories and have a kind of will to believe."

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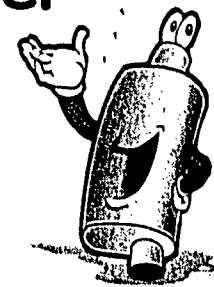
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Bearcats hope to find groove again after being stung by ESU

FROSH ATTACK: Three freshmen make effort to help 'Cats find stride

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

There are nine starters taking the field in every game for the Northwest softball team. A third of them are freshman.

Yet, there is no concern for head coach Susan Punzo about starting Ashley Pride, Katy John and Lindsay Stephenson as freshmen.

"Each and every one of them have stepped up," Punzo said.

"You watch them, and you wouldn't even think they are freshman the way they are playing out there."

The three true freshmen have combined to start 84 games this season. While Stephenson has been holding her ground in right field, the other two freshmen have had to adjust to new settings.

Pride, a graduate of Northeast Nodaway High School, has been playing at first base for the Bearcats this season, one year removed from playing shortstop in high school.

"It's really different moving to the other side of the field," Pride said. "It was rough last fall getting used to (first base), but I'm getting (Please see 'Frosh' on page 2B)



FILE PHOTO
Sophomore infielder Tara Risetter throws to first base during the Bearcat's win over CMSU last week. Risetter went six for 17 with four RBIs in the tournament last weekend in Oklahoma City.

Team cannot carry momentum from Okla. City to Emporia



By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest softball team was swept in a two-game series for the first time this season in Emporia, Kan., Tuesday.

The Hornets hammered the Bearcats in game one, winning 14-1, and squeaked by with a 2-1 win in game two to drop the Bearcats to 6-4 in the MIAA conference standings.

Much of the damage in game

Tuesday's results

Game 1	Game 2
 1	1
 4	2

Key point: The Hornets scored eight runs in the second inning of game one.

one came in the second inning. The Hornets rattled sophomore pitcher Jacqui Handlos for seven hits and eight runs.

Offensively, the Bearcats were unable to make a comeback. The Emporia duo of Melissa Stevens and Courtney Reed combined to allow the Bearcats five hits. Se-

nior centerfielder Kelly Carter went three for three, singling twice and doubling once.

The Hornets did not find it easy winning game two though. Both teams played the first six innings scoreless. Rightfielder Lindsay Stephenson broke the scoreless tie in the top half of the seventh inning with a solo homerun to left center field.

However, Emporia State answered in the bottom of the seventh inning when the Hornets' Megan Beattie scored on an RBI single.

The game went into extra innings where, in the bottom of the tenth inning, Emporia State's Alison Pottorf scored on a single by Autum Mouton.

The (Please see 'Softball' on page 2B)

It's their time now

The departure of John McMenamin gives three 'Cats an elite opportunity

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

To be at your best all the time is a difficult feat to pull off, but when the timing of your comeback job is on the line, you have to be your best at all times. Especially at Northwest.

"There is definitely pressure that goes along with the job," redshirt freshman Josh Lamberson said. "The type of guys they recruit, T.J. (Mandl), me and Andy (Hampton), we really thrive on that pressure."

It is also the pressure past Northwest quarterbacks such as Greg Teale, Chris Griesen, Travis Miles and John McMenamin have endured and in which they have succeeded.

"I think we have implemented a system that those guys were successful in and the guys know that if they work at it and work hard they can be just as successful," offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda said.

There are only two quarterback records that the four quarterbacks above do not hold, most yards rushing by a quarterback and most interceptions thrown by a quarterback in a season.

"It is a pressure packed situation where you are going to have to replace a guy like Johnny Mac who set career numbers in everything basically here at Northwest," Lamberson said. "There is pressure but we know the sun is going to come up the next day, and we are going to have to go out there. Replacing Johnny is tough, but somebody is going to have to do it. Might as well be one of us."

One of us is Lamberson, Mandl or Hampton.

JUST TRYING TO STAY HEALTHY

Mandl may have the most experience of the group and was easily the most hyped of any of the quarterbacks. As a senior at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City he led the Hawks to an undefeated record (Please see 'Battle for QB' on page 2B)

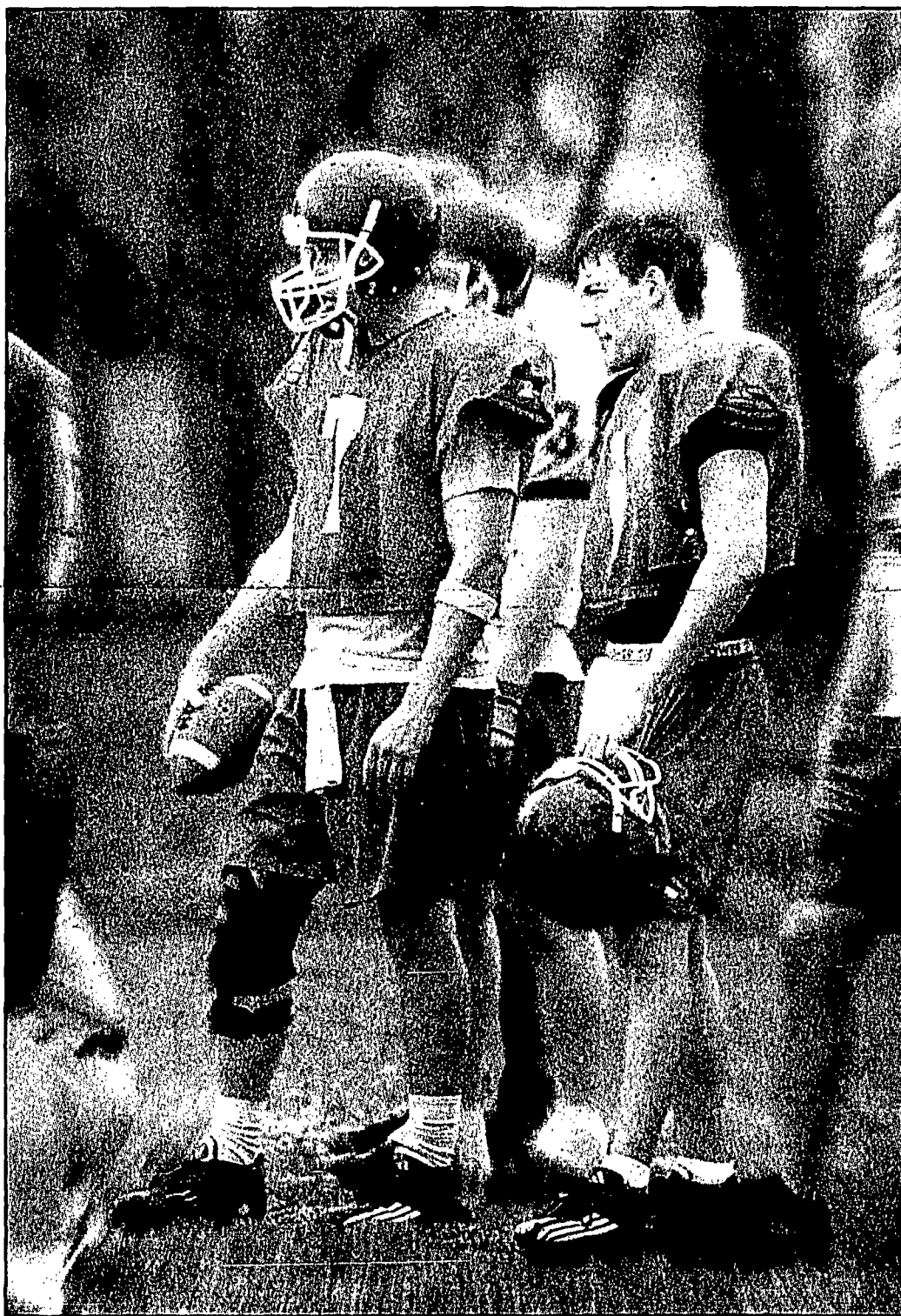


PHOTO AND ILLUSTRATION BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Junior quarterback T.J. Mandl (right) and freshman quarterback Josh Lamberson are competing for the vacant quarterback spot along with sophomore Andy Hampton. The three have big shoes to fill, competing to replace John McMenamin who led the Bearcats to the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs last fall.

Spoofhounds find themselves in mid-season slump

Losses to Chillicothe and Lafayette drop MHS to 4-3 on season

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The last five days have been an up and down time for the 4-3 Maryville Spoofhound baseball squad.

Friday, the 'Hounds beat the defending Class 2 champions, the St. Pius Warriors, in dramatic

Monday's final	
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WP: Jake Dean, LP: Nick Davis	

come from behind fashion. Then Monday, the 'Hounds lost to the Lafayette Irish 7-0. On Tuesday, the roller-coaster week continued with 11-1 thumping at the hands of the Chillicothe Hornets.

"It sucked," head coach Brian Lohafer said. "We played

flat. We didn't play well at all."

Lohafer said one of the reasons why the 'Hounds have been playing flat is the fact that they have not been able to practice for almost a week.

"We need to practice and go back to fundamentals," Lohafer said. "We need to work on everything."

According to Lohafer, what has let the 'Hounds down in the last two games is their pitching. Most of the season, pitching has been Maryville's bright spot. But, in the last two games, the 'Hounds have given up a (Please see 'Slump' on page 2B)



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville pitcher Hans Plackemeier waits for the pitch call during the 'Hounds' loss to Lafayette Monday. Plackemeier gave up four hits and struck out one batter in relief for starting pitcher Nick Davis who pitched just two innings. The 'Hounds also dropped a 11-1 decision to Chillicothe Tuesday.

NW sluggers fall into unfamiliar situation

Northwest helps its cause with Tuesday split of No. 3 Rockhurst in KC




By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest baseball team found itself in an unfamiliar position this week: ranked.

The Bearcats, no. 29 in the College Baseball Newspaper's top 30 poll, are ranked for the first time in head coach Darin Loe's tenure at Northwest.

In addition, the 'Cats are ranked No. 2 in the Central region.

"I think the guys have

		
Game 1		
Northwest	R	H
Rockhurst	8 12	
	5 7	

Game 2		
Northwest	R	H
Rockhurst	9 6	
	13 5	

Game 2		R	H
Northwest		9	6
Rockhurst		13	5

handled it pretty well," Loe said. "We're not letting it bother them. We know we have a lot of baseball ahead of us. We know we have a lot of baseball ahead of us, and, at this point, the rankings don't mean much."

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Hounds soccer

The Spoofhounds took part in the North Kansas City Tournament. The team played in three games but came out on the losing end in two of them. For the story, turn to page 4B.

Hounds tennis

The Tennis team dropped a close decision to Cameron Monday in Maryville. For a look at who won key matches and what lies ahead for the Spoofhounds, turn to page 4B.

Northwest tennis

The MIAA Championships are this weekend and both the men and women are determined to keep their reign as conference champions alive. For the lowdown on this weekend, turn to page 5B.

SLUGGERS from 1B

Bearcats improve to 27-10 on the season

five-game road trip, where they went 3-2.

"When you look at the last week, we took two out of three from Pittsburg and then split with Rockhurst," Loc said. "I think we feel pretty good about that being that both series were on the road and both were outstanding baseball teams. Obviously, you wish you could have won all of those games, but playing those two teams on the road, you're happy to come out of there with a split."

Tuesday against Rockhurst Northwest trailed 5-3 going into the sixth inning. From there, they got hot and posted two runs in the sixth and then tacked on three more in the seventh.

Senior Joe Anderson picked up his third win of the year. Junior Michael French paced the Bearcats in the first game, going 3 of 4 with an RBI.

The second game didn't have as happy of an ending for Northwest. After committing five errors in the game, the 'Cats fell 13-9.

Junior David Dugan took the loss for Northwest to run his record to 2-2.

Even with the loss, the Bearcats' night was highlighted by a three homerun performance by senior John Sipes. In addition to his three in the second game, Sipes connected for a bomb in the first game as well.

"I think right now John is just starting to go the other way," Loc said. "He was pulling off of some balls earlier in the year, but now he is just hitting the ball hard, and, fortunately for John, they are going out of the ballpark."

Over the weekend, Northwest traveled to Pittsburg (Kan.) to face Pittsburg State University. After dropping the first game of the weekend to the Gorillas 9-3, the Bearcats rallied back to pick up wins on Saturday 8-7

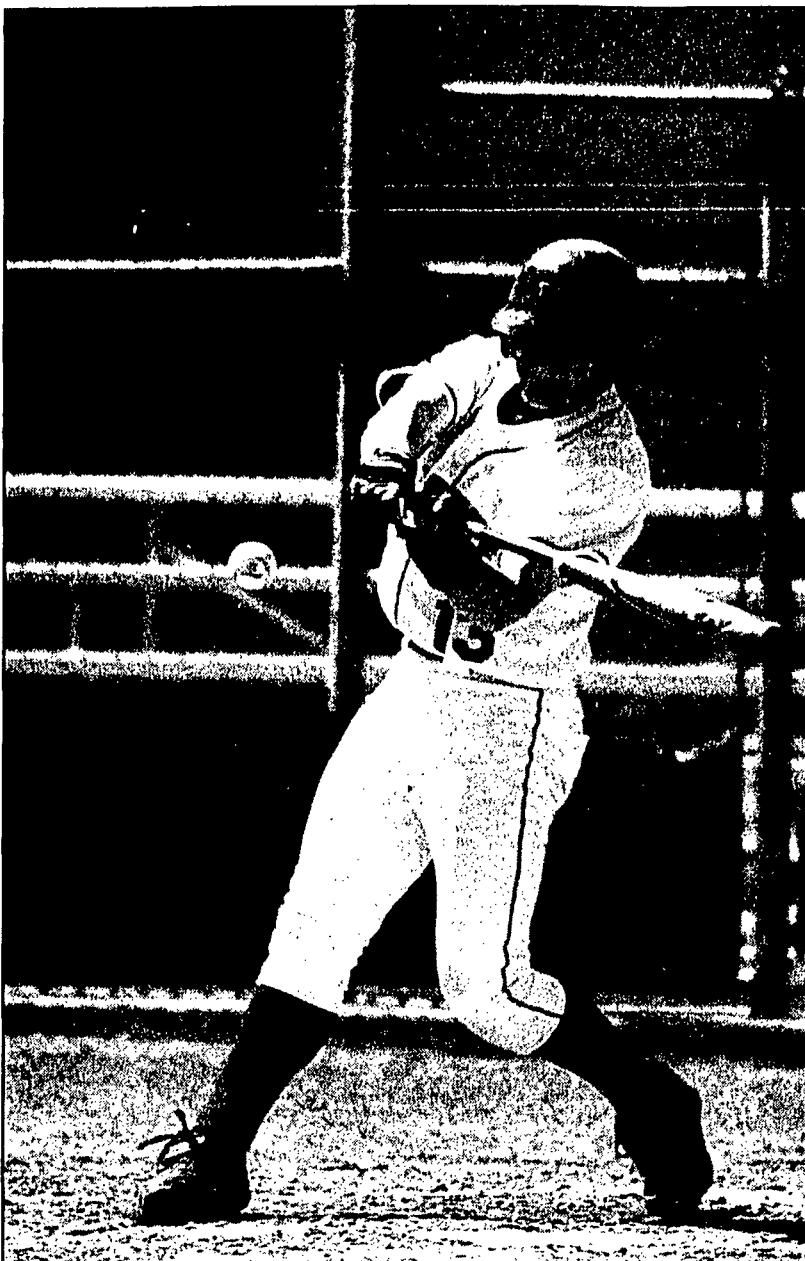
Season statistics after 35 games

Batting									
Player	R	H	BI	2B	3B	HR	BA	SLG	HBP
John Bothof	37	44	21	7	1	1	.355	.452	2
Willie Claramitro	42	41	22	8	3	3	.345	.538	4
Kyle Gallagher	26	32	17	4	1	4	.340	.532	3
Andrew Donovan	5	18	13	7	1	0	.340	.509	0
Michael French	28	37	25	8	1	0	.336	.427	2
Mike Ruff	23	35	32	7	1	1	.327	.439	15
David Dugan	23	29	20	10	1	1	.326	.494	5
John Sipes	34	35	34	6	1	8	.324	.620	10
Pat Whitt	21	24	18	5	1	1	.308	.436	1
Will Newland	12	12	13	2	0	0	.300	.350	3
Marcus West	22	18	6	1	1	2	.240	.360	4
Matt Coons	4	3	0	0	0	0	.188	.188	1
Brent Jones	1	1	1	0	0	0	.111	.111	1

Pitching									
Player	H	CG	ERA	ER	BB	SO	IP	H	ER
David Dugan	17	1	0.86	3	13	31	39	3	1.29
Brett Rust	39	3	1.29	7	5	30	15	0	2.70
Van Gilmore	15	0	2.70	5	4	5	41	1	3.21
Jeremy Teter	41	1	3.21	12	9	17	3	0	3.28
Derek Hill	3	0	3.28	2	3	4	20	0	4.71
Alex Budden	20	0	4.71	11	5	4	12	0	4.91
Joe Anderson	12	0	4.91	4	1	3	20	0	5.02
Kaleb May	20	0	5.02	8	5	10	43	1	5.06
K. Klopfenstein	43	1	5.06	18	14	21	5	0	7.71
Brian Boley	5	0	7.71	8	7	4	7	0	8.44
Will Mayle	7	0	8.44	5	4	6	30	0	8.85
Brett Jones	30	0	8.85	20	12	12	8	0	9.00
Edgar Jones	8	0	9.00	9	9	3	13	0	11.74
Gerald Mask	13	0	11.74	10	6	5	3	0	18.00
J.R. Servatius	3	0	18.00	2	0	0			

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and 9-4. This weekend, the Bearcats host the University of Missouri-Rolla for three games, beginning tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.



Sophomore Kyle Gallagher makes contact with a pitch in the Bearcat's win over Washburn earlier this season. Gallagher is third on the team in batting with an average of .340.

FROSH from 1B

Freshmen adjust well to college game

better at it. I'm just happy with wherever (Punzo) puts me."

John was in a similar scenario. The Blue Springs native found herself starting at second base after junior infielder Melissa Nimmo went down with a serious knee injury earlier in the season. She was moved to that position from third base.

"I came in as a third baseman and shortstop," John said. "It was a lot more difficult to adjust to second base, but I feel more confident about it now."

Each one of the three has made an impact in one area or another. Stephenson has stolen 11 bases this season in 12 attempts, which ranks her fifth in the MIAA. She has occupied the leadoff spot most of the season, racking up 30 hits and seven doubles.

Pride went into Tuesday's games against Emporia State University tied for third place in RBIs with 19 and had 25 hits.

John went into Tuesday's game with 16 hits and drove in seven runs as the No. 9 hitter.

John said stepping up into a starting position was not a hard adjustment even though she had to make up for Nimmo's loss.

"There hasn't been that much pressure," John said. "If there is any pressure, then it's pressure I've given myself. I knew I had to step it up when Nimmo went out."

Pride said she has also run into pressure situations this season.

"I always feel pressure, but you don't think about it when you are on the field," Pride said. "I do think that I'm a freshman, and I don't want to screw anything up."

The three freshmen have done their part to help the Bearcats make another run at conference and tournament titles in Punzo's first year as head coach. Fortunately for them, they get three more opportuni-

Outfielder Lindsay Stephenson

Batting Avg.

.275

RBIs (team rank)

15 (5th)

2B 3B HR

7 3 1

Bottom line:

Stephenson leads the team in stolen bases (11).



Infielder Ashley Pride

Batting Avg.

.272

RBIs (team rank)

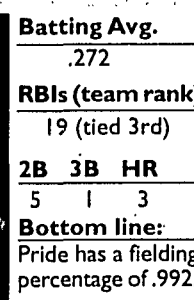
19 (tied 3rd)

2B 3B HR

5 1 3

Bottom line:

Pride has a fielding percentage of .992.



Infielder Katy John

Batting Avg.

.254

RBIs (team rank)

7 (8th)

2B 3B HR

1 3 0

Bottom line:

John has only struck out eight times this year.



ties after this season at more hardware. "They are only going to keep getting better," Punzo said. "In a couple years, look out. I can't tell you how proud I am of them and the entire team, in that matter."

HOUNDS from 1B

Lohafer wants improvements in pitching

total of 18 runs.

So is it just a mid-season slump, or is there something else to the 'Hounds pitching woes?

"Right now (Nick) Davis is our best pitcher," Lohafer said. "He hasn't pitched in the last two games."

Lohafer said that the 'Hounds need to find more pitchers.

"We need to find a second and third pitcher," Lohafer said. "We don't know who they are right now. We tried getting our seniors chances, but no one has come up."

Next up for the 'Hounds is a Thursday night game at Savannah in what could be a make or break game for the 'Hounds.

"It's a momentum game," Lohafer said. "Right now, we don't have it, and we need to find it."

Lafayette 7, Maryville 0

LHS	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	7	6	3
MHS	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	4	4

For Maryville:

Player	AB	R	H	BI
B. Buholt, of	4	0	1	0
D. Merrill, 2b	2	0	0	0
N. Davis, p, lf, ss	3	0	1	0
J. Wilmes, ss, p	3	0	1	0
M. Nelson, 1b	2	0	0	0
H. Plackemeier, p, c	3	0	1	0
C. Wilmes, lf, c	2	0	0	0
B. Schuster, rf	1	0	0	0
E. Wilmes, 3b	3	0	0	0
R. VanSickle, 1b	1	0	0	0
Ma. Meade, rf	1	0	0	0
Mi. Meade, 2b	2	0	0	0
D. Damott, lf	1	0	0	0

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
N. Davis	2.0	2	1	0	1	4
H. Plackemeier	2.7	4	6	0	2	1
J. Wilmes	2.3	0	0	0	0	4

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pitt State announces prices for Fall Classic

Pittsburg State University officials have announced ticket prices for the Fall Classic at Arrowhead which is scheduled 2 p.m., Nov. 15.

Ticket prices for the club level are available for \$25. Field level tickets are available for \$20. University students may purchase tickets for \$10 with a valid student ID. High school student tickets are also on sale for \$10 with valid identification. These tickets are on the field level.

Tickets go on sale July 8 to the general public.

Bearcat receives MIAA accolades for baseball

Senior John Bothof has been named MIAA Hitter of the Week. Sipes scored seven runs to go along with three doubles and seven RBIs.

Sipes batted .529 during the week. During Bothof's hot streak, the Bearcats went 4-1.

The 6-foot-2-inch senior accounted for two of the three runs against Pitt.

Bothof showed not only his offensive production but also contributed on the defensive end. During the second game of the twinbill against Washburn, he moved from the outfield to the unfamiliar first base.

SOFTBALL from 1B

Lady 'Cats win five in Oklahoma City

game went into extra innings where, in the bottom of the tenth inning, Emporia State's Alison Portorf scored on a single by Autum Mouton.

The Bearcats found success last weekend in the Oklahoma City University Capital Classic. Northwest defeated Panhandle State 3-2, Bethany College 9-1, McKendree College 6-2, Oklahoma City University 12-9 and Columbia (Mo.) University 4-1.

"That was a really good weekend for us," head coach Susan Punzo said. "We played some good teams, and it was nice to get some more non-conference games in."

The team has won 16 of their last 20 games after starting the season 6-9. The five wins in Oklahoma City boosted the Bearcat's record to 23-11.

Punzo said team unity is one of the reasons for the team's success as of late.

"The team is really starting to come together," Punzo said. "I really can't pinpoint one player that stood out. Everybody stepped up. There was always someone getting the big hit or making the big play on defense."

Handlos gave one of her best performances of the year on the mound in the extra-inning win over Columbia.

The sophomore pitched 10 innings and struck out eight Columbia batters.

"We ended up taking her out in a game earlier that day because she was hit in the knee with a line drive," Punzo said. "But she came back and did a phenomenal job. Megan (Spring) also did a great job calling pitches."

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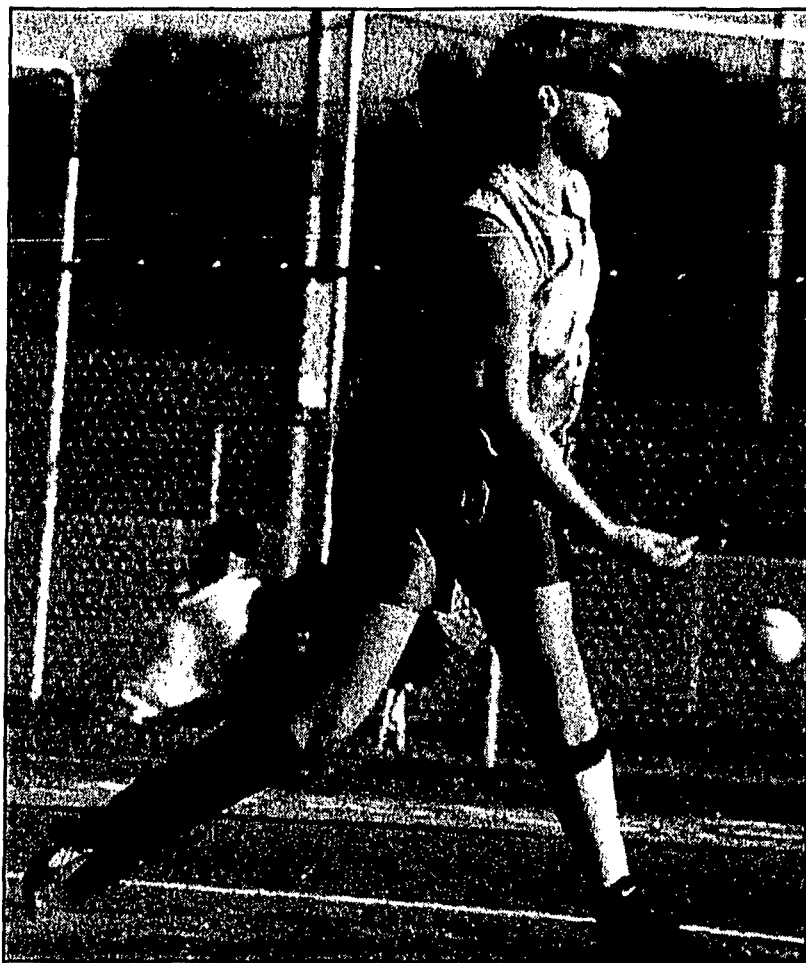
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Senior Talina Canon faces an opponent during the softball season. Canon will join Jacqui Handlos and Shelley MacDonald on the Bearcat pitching staff next season.

Maryville softball standout to become a Bearcat next fall

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After a successful season at Maryville High School, senior Talina Canon is headed for Northwest. Canon, an all-state pitcher, chose the Bearcats over Central Missouri State University and Washburn University.

"They had a good record last year," Canon said. "I also have a friend who plays on the team, and I really like the coach."

Canon will be joining freshman Ashley Pride on the Bearcat roster. The two high school standouts played together at Northeast Nodaway before Pride graduated and Canon transferred to Maryville.

Canon said that Northwest's 22-13 record didn't have a lot of impact on her decision because, by the time this season rolled around, her mind was already made up.

"This season's record made me feel better," Canon said. "(The record) told me that I made the right decision."

Canon, who plans on majoring

in psychology, said that she hopes to be able to contribute to the team next year. This season, sophomores Jacqui Handlos and Shelley MacDonald have carried the Bearcats on the mound, combining for an ERA of 1.97.

"My goals for next season are to just try my hardest and do my best," Canon said.

After finishing her senior campaign with 190 strikeouts, Canon moves to the college level faced with a higher level of competition, which she gladly welcomes.

"I think the higher level of competition is what I am looking forward to the most," Canon said.

In addition to finishing the season with 190 strikeouts, Canon was an integral part of the success of the Spoofhounds' run in the district tournament, which ended in the hands of Lafayette.

"We had a good season," Canon said. "Pitching-wise, I thought things went well, but I wasn't really happy with the way things ended."

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BATTLE FOR QB from 1B

Three players will find out this fall who will lead the Bearcats as quarterback

and the Class 5A state title his senior year. With the hype also came the pressure of being the next great quarterback in Northwest history.

"Honestly, the first couple of years I was here I felt the pressure," Mandl said. "I think one time someone actually compared me to Griesen. They said I was a failure because I hadn't started after my freshman year. I think it got to me a little bit. Any more though, I don't think about it. I just want to go out there and play."

But playing is something that Mandl has done little of in the last two years.

After starting four games in 2001 for the injured McMenamin, Mandl was injured during the Washburn University game and would not play the rest of the year.

Then during spring practice in 2002, Mandl pulled around the outside to help lead the way for sophomore Jamaica Rector on a reverse.

Mandl made the block, but a defensive player rolled into the back of his right knee and he was escorted off the field in a golf cart. He made it back for fall practice, but tore his anterior cruciate ligament in the same knee and was done for the year.

While it has hurt him to watch the team from the sidelines, it has turned out to be a blessing.

"It's been really frustrating, but things have worked out really well, actually," Mandl said. "Being hurt last year, I got to redshirt, so coming in this year I have two years of football left, when I really would have only had one left. It's been really frustrating not being able to play, but I have worked really hard, and it's all going to pay off I think."

Lamberson tries to seize top spot

The flashes of speed that Lamberson showed at times last season have had fans talking since the end of last season about what will happen this season.

There are a couple scenarios floating around for Lamberson. One of them is that he could back up the more experienced Mandl but line up at wide receiver or running back and be a slash-type player.

The other is that Lamberson gets the nod and offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda goes to an option oriented attack and cuts back on the passing game.

"I think people are blowing it out of proportion," Lamberson said. "We are not going to be Nebraska and run the option every play. I think that it is just another option that he has in his 4-inch playbook."

The playbook is not an easy thing to learn. Most quarterbacks come in and never do pick it all up in four years, but Lamberson remembers the moment this spring when it finally made sense.

"The more you do it, the better you understand it, but one day early this spring, it just clicked, and it just made sense," Lamberson said. "It makes things so much easier. It was a little bit of relief and a lot of happiness."



ANDY HAMPTON, SO.

2002 numbers	Oak Grove High
Passing yards	51
Rushing yards	-2
TDs	0
INTs	1

The line on Hampton:

Hampton has been the backup quarterback for two seasons. As a freshman, he completed 13 of 25 passes and threw for one touchdown.

Along with learning the playbook, Lamberson has had to refine his skills at the quarterback position as well.

"Coming out of high school I was really raw on all my skills," he said. "Coming here and learning the ins and outs of what it takes to be a quarterback in this offense and my ability to be coached has really helped me out a lot."

When Lamberson signed with Northwest he was not the most highly touted of the quarterbacks to sign letters of intent. That distinction fell on Travis Jackson from Olathe, Kan., but Jackson left the team at the end of the season in 2002.

"Coming from Nebraska, I really didn't know a whole lot about Northwest Missouri State," Lamberson said. "When I came down on my recruiting visit, I met the coaches and players, but I really didn't get acquainted with the media outlet, so I was pretty much oblivious to all the pressure coming in. I really didn't get caught up in the hype of Trav, and Trav was a great quarterback. He just decided to go a different way. I really didn't even know about Travis Jackson to tell you the truth. That is probably a good thing because I might have been a little intimidated."

The forgotten quarterback

He doesn't have the athletic ability of Lamberson or Mandl, but Andy Hampton does not pretend to have it.

"I just try and make the smart play every down," Hampton said. "It may not be



JOSH LAMBERSON, FR.

2002 numbers	Wilber Clatonia High (Neb.)
Passing yards	0
Rushing yards	56
TDs	0
INTs	0

The line on Lamberson:

Lamberson has shown signs of high potential. He broke a long run against Missouri Southern earlier in the year, as the third string quarterback.

a big play every time, but it isn't going to be a dumb play."

The problem is that Hampton has not gotten to make a lot of throws this spring. In fact, he has not made a single one.

A high ankle sprain and achilles injury sidelined Hampton for spring practice and may have ended his shot of winning the starting job, he said.

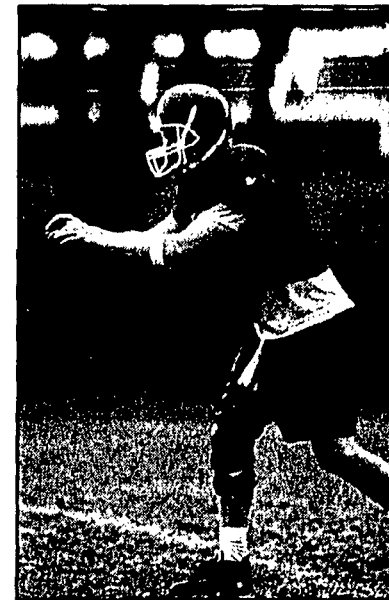
"I pretty much know how they do things here," Hampton said. "They base a lot on the spring ball performance and things like that. I kind of feel my chances slipping away. It's really frustrating because this was really my first year to have a chance at starting and being the leader of the team."

Hampton has been the backup quarterback for the past two seasons and has great knowledge of the offense.

"I think it helps me a lot," Hampton said. "One thing I will have is some game experience. Being the back up as a redshirt freshman has allowed me to learn the offense even more each year, and, right now, I think I am to the point that I know the offense really well."

But very few people could tell you who Hampton is. He is not very flashy, but he does not let that fact get him down.

"Sometimes it is frustrating," Hampton said. "You can't let the little things bother you. I get along with both of those guys great, so there is no jealousy factor or anything like that. You just can't let the little things get to you because those just put a damper on your performance."



T.J. MANDL, JR.

2001 numbers	Rockhurst High
Passing yards	857
Rushing yards	NA
TDs	6
INTs	2

The line on Mandl:

Mandl started four games in 2001 after John McMenamin went down with an injury. However, that is the last time Mandl saw team competition.

'They are going to put the best guy on the field'

One thing all three quarterbacks agree on is that the best one is going to see the field, and winning is most important.

"First and foremost, I think all of us just want what's best for the team," Lamberson said. "We all know the coaches are going to put the best guy out there. I really don't feel any added pressure. You just have to go out there and do your best everyday. They are going to put the best guy on the field, and if that's me, well, then that is great, or if they want to go with T.J. or Hampton, I think we'd be all in support of that."

Each one has his own strength and benefit to the team.

"My strengths would be experience, and I think leadership is a pretty good strength," Mandl said. "I think I know the game well, but those guys know it, too. Hampton and Josh are real smart guys, and that is a good strength for them. Josh, of course, is a runner, and he can throw the ball as well, but you know Hampton throws the ball well, too."

Chances are the quarterback competition will carry on into fall practice.

"I don't think things are going to be settled by tomorrow because T.J. really hasn't had a chance to show some of things he can do because of his knee," Svoboda said. "So it pretty fair to say it probably won't be solved until fall practice."

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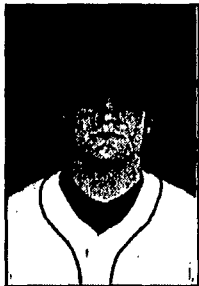
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second in the
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Tourney on
Saturday, shooting
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'Hound golfers refocus for weekend

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

After last Monday's third place finish at the William Jewell Invitational in Liberty, the 'Hounds are prepared to take on Pembroke Hill.

"The guys were disappointed in their finish (at William Jewell), and they thought that they could have played better, but three out of 12 schools isn't bad," 'Hounds head coach Tom Alvarez said.

Alvarez said tournaments such as last Monday's help to prepare the team for the state tournament and key matchups throughout the year.

"We definitely like playing tournaments the best because that prepares us for what we are going to see at the district tournament as well as hopefully at the state tournament," Alvarez said.

The 'Hounds head into Saturday's match with a win at Chillicothe in which Lucas Larson finished second.

"I was very pleased with the win Monday at Chillicothe," Alvarez said. "I was also pleased with Lucas (Larson)'s finish."

Though the team is less than a month into the season, Alvarez said he is pleased with the team's progress to this point.

"On the whole, I am very pleased with the team's progress," Alvarez said. "I am worried about a couple guys, but they're still young."

Alvarez said that there were some unexpected things have happened.

"Matt Jasinski surprised me by making varsity, but he has earned his 5th spot," Alvarez said.

Alvarez feels that this Saturday's match at Mission Hills Country Club in Kansas City versus Pembroke Hill will be one of the most important of the year.

"I think it is going to be excellent for us because, while Pembroke Hill isn't in our district, they would be in our class at the state competition," Alvarez said. "They will probably be the best team that we will see all year. It is also important because we are starting a freshman and two sophomores on the varsity team, so getting them experience before the district and state matches is extremely helpful."

Facing last year's 2A state champions could possibly be intimidating for the team, Alvarez said.

"For some of the younger kids, it probably gets them a little nervous," Alvarez said. "But for our older two kids they have been parts of state championship teams, so I don't think they worry too much about that."

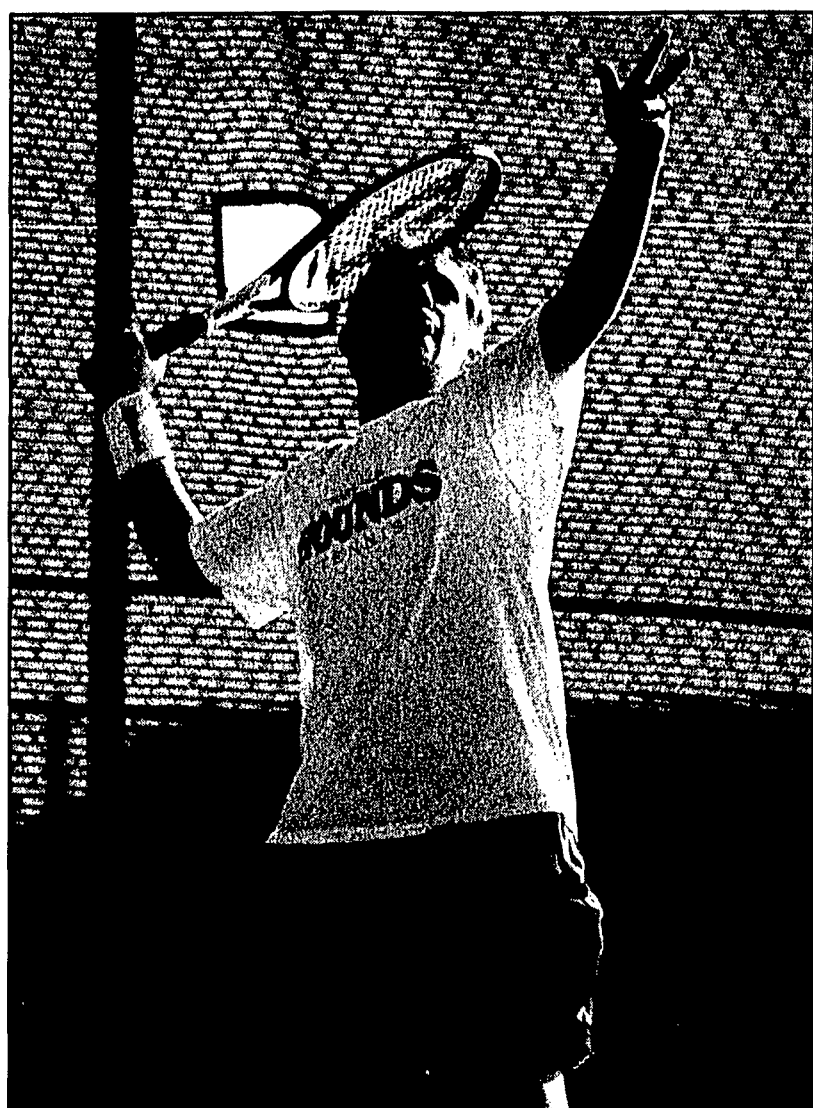


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The Maryville 'Hounds tennis team fell to Cameron Monday 5-4 in Maryville. The 'Hounds have already won three matches this year, matching their win total from last season.

Maryville netters come up one match short of victory

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville boys' tennis team dominated Cameron in singles action Monday in Maryville but came up short in the end.

Cameron took two of three doubles matches to defeat the 'Hounds 5-4 overall.

Despite Kellen Nielson losing 8-1 in No. 1 doubles, the 'Hounds were able to take the next three singles matches.

Anthony Ferry won No. 2 singles 8-1 and Anthony Steins duplicated that by defeating his opponent 8-1.

Keaton Guess came back from a minor injury to win 8-4 in his match.

But Cameron took No. 1 and No. 3 doubles to clinch the win.

The team picked up a solid 6-3 win over Benton last Thursday.

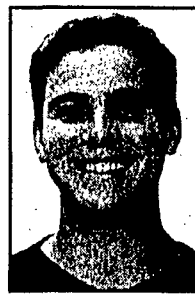
Ferry and Steins picked up wins in singles action as did Charles Bradley and Dustin Hoepker.

Nielson and Ferry picked up an 8-6 win in doubles play to secure the win for the 'Hounds. The team of Steins and Guess racked up the team's sixth match victory, winning 8-3 in their doubles match.

The 'Hounds do not play until Tuesday when they play host to Benton in conference action.

RANTING AND RAVING

Editor compares baseball pasts of Royals and Yankees



BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When the Kansas City Royals got off to their 9-0 start, I saw a lot more jerseys, hats and shirts supporting the Royals.

While I applaud the Royals fans for coming out of hiding, stay out. Even if things head south, wear your Royals apparel proudly.

This team finally has a foundation, and if they finish .500 or above, then first baseman Mike Sweeney won't be released from his contract to explore the free agent market.

Now, being a New York Yankees fan, everyone thinks I jumped on the bandwagon in 1996. But I have grown up a

Yankees fan since birth.

In 1985, I slept with a poster of Yankee Don Mattingly above my head. Over the next 10 years I endured many of the mishaps of the Yankees as they battled to stay out of the cellar and keep a coach on the bench.

I watched former Royal Steve Balboni try and play first base. I also watched Kevin Maas try and play first place. I endured Hensley "Bam Bam" Meulens in the outfield, and I watched Andy Hawkins throw a no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox and lose 4-0. That's right he lost and threw a no-hitter. You would think that would be impossible, wouldn't you?

But things slowly turned around. The Yankees built a farm system as the Royals have tried to do. And now the Yankees have seven players from their farm system that see significant time.

So, as tough as it may be for Royals fans to see, I do see a parallel between the two teams. Royals General Manager Al Baird has undergone scrutiny for having one of the hardest jobs in baseball, but he is starting to reap the benefits this season.

The Royals have Sweeney, Carlos Beltran (who's on the disabled list right

now), Ken Harvey, Angel Berroa (I know he is from the A's, but he played in the Royals farm system), Carlos Febles and a plethora of pitchers from their farm system to build on.

But Bill, they are a small market team! How are they going to be able to pay to keep these players?

Well, here is my theory. Whether it will prove true or not, I don't know. I think that if this team can win, then owner David Glass is going to put money into this team to make it better.

Right now the Royals are stuck in a catch-22. They don't have a high payroll. They cannot go out and get the players they need to make the team better, not to mention keep their good players around, because of that.

So, Glass will not put money into a failing product. It is not a pretty place to be in baseball.

What Baird did makes the most sense. It follows a similar pattern established by other small market successes like the Oakland A's and the Minnesota Twins.

Now the big question is whether Glass will actually put money into a winner, or, like the A's, continue to cash in off of a small market success.

I hope he isn't that big of a cheapskate.

Shorthanded 'Hounds struggle in tourney

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

'HOUNDS IN KANSAS CITY
Game 1 - N. Kansas City 3, Maryville 0
Game 2 - Kearney 3, Maryville 1
Game 3 - Maryville 3, Shawnee Mission N.O.

After struggling offensively over the weekend, the Maryville soccer team found its groove against the Benton Cardinals Tuesday, winning 7-1.

The 'Hounds saw a balanced scoring attack where four players were able to score goals.

Senior Tiffany Robertson and junior Sarah Beth Wynn each scored two goals in the win. Senior Carol Sutton and Junior Abby Walter each came through with a goal apiece.

Both the varsity and junior varsity defensive players did a good job of keeping the opponent's offensive players in check," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "Both teams coordinated their efforts and scored many goals."

The 'Hounds weren't discouraged

by their performance at the North Kansas City tournament where they picked up their defeats.

"It was definitely a very busy week," Oludaja said. "That was the first time that we stretched that much into one week. Considering that we only have 24 players and some of them were gone on Saturday for various reasons, it puts quite a strain on your team. There just weren't enough (players) to carry through."

Against the host North Kansas City squad, the 'Hounds could not get their usually potent offense going and were shut out by the score of 3-0.

In their match with Kearney, the 'Hounds once again had trouble find-

ing the goal. They were, however, able to score in the match, as junior Sarah Beth Wynn recorded their lone goal in the 3-1 loss.

The 'Hounds trip did have one high note though. Against a much larger Shawnee Mission North, the 'Hounds recorded their own shutout.

The balanced scoring attack of senior Sarah Gallagher, junior Abby Walter and sophomore Dana DeMott led the 'Hounds to a 3-0 win.

The two teams who have acted as the downfalls for the 'Hounds have combined for a 12-4 record. That, along with the effort shown by the squad, are enough to keep the head coach happy.

"I'm satisfied with the progress they are making," Oludaja said. "I know the way they played is not an indication of how they are capable of playing. I'm very optimistic about what lies ahead."

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THE RED ZONE

Williams's departure helps editor see the hard truth

KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

It's final.

Roy Williams, head basketball coach at the University of Kansas, announced his decision Monday that he is on his way to the University of North Carolina.

Not that I'm surprised though. I saw this coming before Kansas fell to the Syracuse Orangemen 81-78 in the NCAA National Championship game.

Like many Kansas fans, I'm sad to see him go. Williams has been an incredible addition to the

University's athletic program over the past 15 years. But I also realize the painful decision Williams made when he said goodbye to his team, the fans and his Kansas family.

But the time has come for him to return to Chapel Hill. It's home for Williams and his family. He's going to bring winning experience to North Carolina and put the Tar Heels back on top next season.

While at Kansas, Williams has had chance after chance to bring home a national championship year after year, but it never happens because, in the end, Williams is cursed. He's had enough heartache with the Jayhawks, and it's now time to move on.

I feel bad for the boys of Kansas, but he's not going to leave them hanging. He'll make sure someone with talent is hired to take his place.

As for Al Bohl, former athletic director, Williams did what he saw would be best for the university's athletic department, although Bohl saw

it differently.

"(Williams) had the power to crush me or let me fly, and he chose to crush me," Bohl said. "This is a sad day in college athletics when a college basketball coach can hire and fire an athletic director."

Williams didn't crush Bohl. Bohl failed, and Williams had to make a decision that will only make Kansas stronger.

Although he's leaving, fans have to admit Williams has given them 15 great years. But now it's time for fans to admit that it's time for him to leave. The University of Kansas will miss him greatly, but his legacy will live on.

We'll always remember the four trips to the Final Four, the two shots at a national championship, his Big 12 supremacy and his incredible winning record of 418-101, the highest among all active Division I coaches with six years experience.

Thanks for the memories, Roy.



Sophomore Raven Herner works on her hitting earlier in the season during practice. This weekend, both squads are in action in the MIAA Championships. The past two years, both teams have won the titles.

Bearcats to face tough competition this weekend

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Both Northwest tennis teams have a big weekend ahead of them as they try and defend their conference crowns for the third straight year.

The MIAA tennis tournament will be held at Northwest this year on Friday and Saturday. The seedings in the tournament will be determined at a meeting on Thursday night.

The home court could give Northwest an advantage, head coach Mark Rosewell said.

"Just like in basketball when you used to play at home for the conference tournament, you get to play on your own court and sleep in your own bed," Rosewell said.

The men's and women's teams have won the tournament the past two years, but those tournaments were played in a flighted format.

A flighted format consists of an individual tournament for each singles group and each doubles group. Ten points are

Men's standings			Women's standings		
	MIAA	Overall		MIAA	Overall
Southwest Baptist	5-0	16-5	Washburn	6-0	15-3
Northwest	3-1	17-7	Northwest	5-1	20-10
Washburn	3-2	11-4	Southwest Baptist	3-3	5-12
Emporia State	1-3	10-11	Missouri Southern	3-3	4-10
Truman	1-3	6-8	Truman	2-3	9-5
Missouri-Rolla	0-4	2-15	Emporia State	1-4	10-10
			Missouri Western	0-6	0-11

awarded for each first place finish.

This year though, the conference is going to a dual format for the tournament. It is a format in which the team could be successful, Rosewell said.

"It is just like playing dual matches during the season," Rosewell said. "If we play well, then it is not that much of a difference."

The 'Cats have only lost one dual in the MIAA on both sides. The women dropped a 5-4 dual to Washburn, who came in second last year, and the men lost 7-2 to rival Southwest Baptist, who also finished as the runner-up last season.

Those teams figure to be the main competition again, Rosewell said.

"Before Southwest Baptist beat us,

they beat Western, who was the No. 1 team in the nation," Rosewell said. "So, I think it is going to be tough for anyone to beat them. Washburn beat us 5-4, but in a tournament with rivalries, I think we've got a chance."

Both teams competed in the Central Oklahoma Broncho Invitational last weekend. The men finished with a 3-2 record while the women had more trouble and finished the tournament 1-4.

The tournament featured heavy competition, Rosewell said.

The men will get a warm-up match before the tournament starts when they face off with the University of Missouri-Rolla in a make-up match.

It will take place Thursday at Bearcat Courts.

FAN PLAN							
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest baseball		Missouri-Rolla 3:30 p.m.	Missouri-Rolla (DH) 1 p.m.				Truman St. (DH) 1 p.m.
Northwest softball		Missouri Southern 2:30 p.m.	Pittsburg St. (DH) Noon				Truman St. (DH) 2:30 p.m.
Northwest track & field							
Northwest tennis		MIAA Championships					
Maryville baseball		Savannah 4:30 p.m.					
Maryville girls' soccer		Smithville 4:30 p.m.					
Maryville track & field			Quad State Invite				
Maryville boys' tennis							Lafayette 4:30 p.m.

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Stroller explores Campus Dining

It seems that the vast majority of students here at Northwest have come to a general consensus on just what exactly our fine University's most grave and dangerous problem is. It's clearly obvious, of course, from the blatant amount of social unrest here on campus. (Cough.)

In all honesty, I really can't blame them. It's something that affects us as students multiple times on a daily basis. To many, it's a factor that can either make or break one's hectic day. It's a life-or-death deal, baby. It's the Union lunch ladies.

It goes without saying that our campus has experienced its share of problems within the past few trimesters, yet we have seemingly made it through them with the same relentless I-don't-give-a-damn-as-long-as-I-can-keep-my-MSN-Messenger cheer. Take for instance, the fact that our sidewalks lead to nowhere, the creepy squirrel takeover, or, most recently, but not that big a deal, of course, the fact that our beloved administration is soliciting us out to the University of Missouri.

Despite these far-from-trivial trials and tribulations, many students have voiced overwhelming concern over a far greater social tragedy committed by our Campus Dining lunch ladies in the form of the apparent outward rudeness they express. It seems as if not a day goes by when your Stroller overhears the lamentations of a victim who has fallen into the hateful clutches of a Campus Dining employee thirsting for blood and the desire to darken some unsuspecting student's day.

While Your Man no longer dines at the Union on a regular basis, I do easily recall the glory days of free food (That's right, if the parents pay for it, it's free. Therefore stop complaining about its quality, whiner) and its quick, easy access. Throughout those trimesters of culinary bliss, faint recollections of my encounters with the Union lunch ladies seemed to be only



The Stroller

pleasant and of sweet gals who reminded me of Grandma, with the exception of the fact that they remembered my name.

However, times they are a changin', and Your Man decided that a stance could not be made without a thorough investigation. Therefore, in the spirit of the newspaper that employs me to share my brilliant insights, your Stroller donned the trademark...and slightly depressing... blue visor and apron to do some investigative reporting of my own. That's right, I'd get to the bottom of the grumpiness firsthand. For two glorious hours keeping log while, disguised as a Campus Dining employee, I touched your food.

■ Noon Your Man arrives to Mark Pi Chinese sporting a smile a mile wide. I don't know what these folks' deal is, for they don't seem quite so happy to be here. I begin to question why I'm paying for an education when I can instead deal with Northwest freshmen on a daily basis. Life is good.

■ 12:30 p.m. I may have discovered one valid excuse for my sudden onslaught of grumpiness. I've found that I despise being referred to as a "Yo, lunch lady!" Not only does it strike me as a degrading and condescending term, but I'm also clearly not a lady.

■ 1 p.m. Currently nursing the third degree burns on the upper 50 percent of my body, my lack of experience shows I was not aware that Chinese food gets all flamey and stuff when you fry it. The director of Cam-

pus Dining strikes me over the head with wok while saying he doesn't pay me to lie in the fetal position. Morale slowly declining.

■ 1:30 p.m. I've been transferred to Center Stage. They inform me to fear not, for it's impossible to screw up this stuff any further. Vegetarian chick in "War is Stupid and So's Your Mom" T-shirt requests a salad. After processing her order, said vegetarian returns, wildly accusing me of "slipping her the meat." I laugh hysterically and uncontrollably. Salad lands on my formerly spotless uniform. Plastic fork protrudes from my skull.

■ 2 p.m. Closing out my shift while scanning Bearcat cards. The job is strangely reminiscent to that of a bouncer checking IDs at the Outback, minus the roughhousing. I collar a number of imposters attempting to pass with stolen or borrowed cards. A few losers who actually buy milk ask me to smile. I ask them to burn in hell.

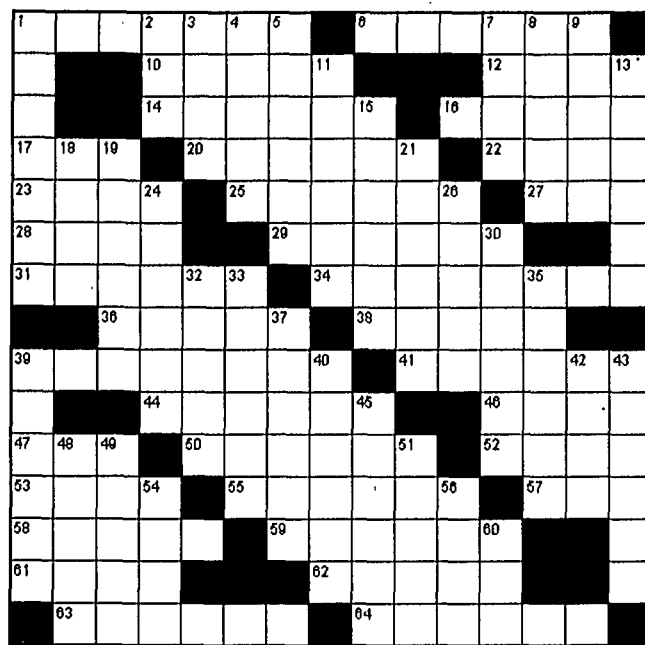
I feel the log sums up my experience well enough, and I'm running out of space, so I'll attempt to keep my conclusion brief. I've learned the hard way that, until you walk a mile in their shoes, Northwest, give your Campus Dining employees a break in their occasional snippiness. It's the most important, yet underrated job on campus, and, judging from the sight of my fellow students in class, few of us are overwhelmingly enthusiastic about doing stuff we don't wanna do. See: anything that requires effort.

So here's to you, lunch lad—er—food service engineers. You're far too underappreciated and underpaid for the work you do, while others, who will remain unnamed...will soon receive a raise larger the annual salaries of most if Northwest becomes part of the UM system.

Cheers, my newfound comrades. Even if no one else will, I, for one, most certainly salute you.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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Across

1. Lease holders
6. Condescends
10. Harvests
12. Rules
14. Building material
16. Asian country
17. Miles per hour
20. Rots
22. Male swine
23. High-pitched tone
25. Circles

Down

27. Brother of Jacob
28. Wife of Jacob
29. Dandy
31. Little job
34. Carabineer
36. Reliable
38. Italian city
39. Farewell
41. 11th letter of the Greek alphabet
44. Lead astray
46. Dance
47. Did possess
50. Browns
52. Inhabitant of

2. Curve
3. Requirement
4. Domesticates
5. Small spots
7. Readily fluent
8. Influential person
9. Vow
11. Gastropod mollusks
13. Powerful
15. Oppressor
18. Noble
19. Heartfelt
21. Apostle
24. Lighthouse
26. Above
30. Preens
32. Teams
33. More inanimate
35. Innate
37. Fleshy fruits
39. Carry with great effort
40. Yielding an acid
42. Female name
43. Moved at an easy pace
45. Merited
48. Directed
49. Evade
51. Fine fur
54. Promontory
56. Farm wagon
60. Son of Jacob

Answers can be found on this page

on the edge

Easter facts:

■ In fourth-century France, it was believed that if on Easter Day, following the 40 days of mandated fasting (carême), the first thing eaten was an egg that had been laid on Good Friday, that person would be protected from illness until the following

■ Over 180 million Cadbury's Creme Eggs are sold between January and Easter each year—that's more than three Creme Eggs for every man, woman and child in the United States.

■ In Bulgaria, bright red colored eggs are a symbol of Easter. They are cracked after the Easter midnight service. One egg is cracked on the wall of the church, and this is the first egg eaten after the Bulgarians' long Great Fast. The ritual of cracking the eggs takes place before the Easter lunch. Each person selects an egg, and each takes a turn tapping their egg against the eggs of others. The person who ends up with the last unbroken egg is believed to have a year of good luck.

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